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PEOPLES BANK CLOSES WEDNESDAY

C. A. ESTES, BANK EXAMINER TAKES CHARGE THURS. A. M. NO STATEMENT AVAILABLE

The Peoples Bank of Sikeston, founded in 1909, was closed Wednesday morning about 10:30 o'clock by its board of directors and placed in the hands of State Finance Department. C. V. Estes, a State Bank Examiner, arrived Wednesday night and took charge of the institution early Thursday morning.

The Standard representative was courteously informed by Mr. Estes that it would not be possible to issue a statement of conditions until the survey had been completed. Mr. Estes indicated that this would probably require two or three days. Depositors who have expressed alarm over the safety of their accounts and who called The Standard office for information, have been informed that it will be some time until the officials will know what proportion of their accounts will be returned.

According to the last report by the Finance Department, the bank had deposits of $109,299; loans, $128,953; capital stock, $50,000; surplus $10,000 and bills payable, $30,000. F. M. Sikes is president and R. F. Anderson, cashier. This is the thirty-second State bank to close this year.

A terse statement in the curtained doors stated: "This bank is being closed by order of the Board of Directors. December 5, 1928. Signed F. M. Sikes" (president). Thursday morning another statement appeared saying: "This bank is in the hands of the State Finance Department. Signed, C. A. Estes."

BUSINESS MEN TO KENNETT ON MUNICIPAL W. & L. PROJECT

Mayor Ed Fuchs, C. E. Felker, J. F. Cox and Lon Swanner went to Kennett Wednesday evening to attend a meeting of the Kennett City Council that evening. That city has under consideration a proposition whereby they plan to install a municipal water and light plant, and the regular meeting night was changed from Tuesday until Wednesday to accommodate the Sikeston representatives who expressed a desire to sit in on the meeting.

Mayor Pankey indicated Monday that the regular monthly meeting of the Council would be held Tuesday afternoon instead of that night, and that all business would be deferred until Wednesday. Albert E. Miller, representative of the Buckeye Machinery Co., also expected to be present at the meeting.

The Council also was scheduled to consider action on replacing the City Ordinances which were destroyed in the recent fire in the office of City Clerk, Dave Stroud. The last revisio of ordinances was made in 1897 said Mayor Pankey, and of course hundreds more have been passed since that time.

I. O. O. F. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS TUESDAY NIGHT

The local order of the Odd Fellows held its regular weekly meeting at the hall Tuesday night and elected the following into office:

Noble Grand—Richard Hopper.
Vice Grand—Hardy Williams.
Secretary—W. E. Hollingsworth.
Treasurer—C. C. White.
Trustee—R. E. Limbaugh.

The chapter voted on the consolidation of the Blodgett and the local orders of I. O. O. F. and enjoyed refreshments by the lady Rebekahs at the close of the business session.

BENTON EDITOR MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Norrid annuonced the mrariage of their daughter, Leorena E., to Mr. Alden H. Pinney Wednesday, December 5, at Benton.

Mr. Pinney has been the editor of the Benton Democrat for a number of years and his bride of a few days was formerly a clerk in the office of the Circuit Clerk. The Standard joins the many friends of the couple in wishing them a happy and prosperous married life.

Misses Mae and Veda Bean spent Saturday and Sunday in Canalou, the guests of their sister, Mrs. G. T. Darke.

The D. A. R. will meet Saturday afternoon with Mrs. C. E. Brenton and every member is urged to be present and come prepared to tell of the most pleasant Christmas they ever spent.

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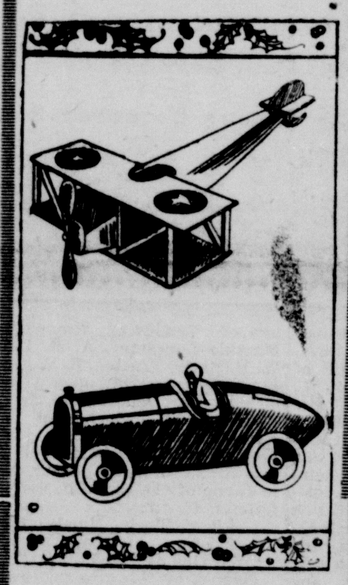
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The Store with The Christmas Spirit

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Bring the little children to see Toyland—You will enjoy the merriment as much as the children
And buying now has the advantage of complete assortment.

TOYS for Boys



Pool Tables, Red Devil Racer, Motor Cycle Cop, Moving Van, Air Plane, Parcel Post Truck, Fire Truck, Big Bus, Tool Chest, Keyston Movie Graph, Steam Shovel, Pile Driver, Big Ban Cannon, Sand Crane, Dix Performing Toy, Footballs, Drums, Horns, Ukelele, Games of all kinds, Building Blocks, Toy Auto, Mechanical Toys of every description.

Skee Ball, Gee Whiz Race, Electric Questionnaire, Tom Tom, Heap Drum. Educational Board, Structo Tanks, Toy Parachutes.



There Are Dolls Galore

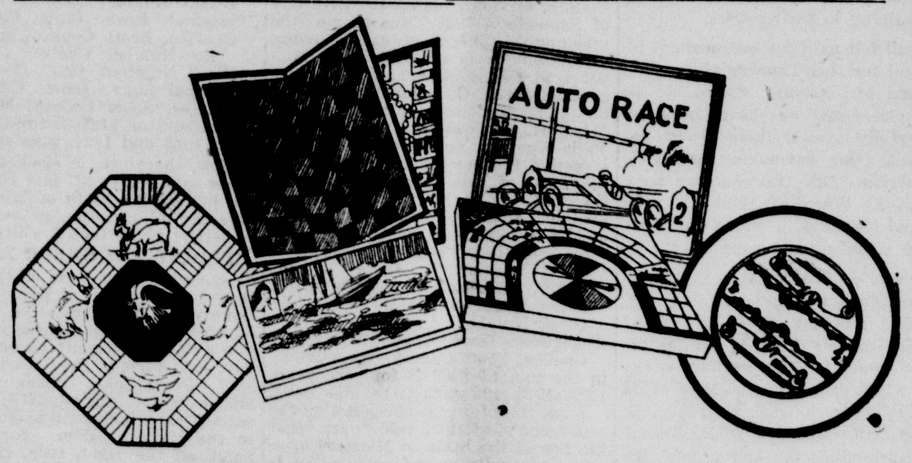
Sunny Boy
Dressed in black velvet with fine quality celluloid head and beautiful glass eyes.

Snookems
The famous baby star of the funny papers.

Sunny Girl
Unusually life-like expression and natural flesh tinted complexion, with beautiful glass eyes

Little Sister
New beautiful composition dolls daintily dressed, very attractive.

Bye-Lo Dolls from tiny to the largest size, Daisy Doll., Madam Georgene Creation Doll, Kiddie Joy Doll, Fairy Land Cradle Doll Prize Baby Dolls, Dotty Darling Doll, Our Gang Doll.



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The Pop Game, Rummie, Yale-Harvard Football Game, Basketball Game. Puff Rall, Humpty-Dumpty puzzle game, Word and Problem builder game, Wild Animal Target game, Bang Bird game, Liberty Stone Blocks, Build More Blocks, Table Croquet, Table Tennis.

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Children's Books

Billy Whiskers Series, Uncle Wiggley's Series, Anderson Fairy Tales, Grimm's Fairy Tales, Louisa May Alcott's Series.

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Little Mother's Helper Sets, Machine Gun, Gustav, the Miller, Telephones.
Dishes, China and aluminum. Sandy Andy Caterpillar Tractor and Trailer, Scooter, with rubber tires, Red Carts, Kiddie Cop Outfit, Horseshoe Sets for indoors, Golf Sets.

CHAFFEE MAN SAVED FROM BURNING AUTO

S. A. Ruch, prominent Chaffee business man and owner of the Ruch Stave & Lumber Company, of that city, narrowly escaped death Monday evening about 6 o'clock, when his Tudor Ford turned turtle on Highway 61 and started to burn.

Ruch had driven to Gideon and New Madrid, where he closed several lrage lumber deals. He told The Standard representative Tuesday that he estiamted his speed at about 45 miles per hour on his return trip, and that he remembered striking a bit of soft earth on the slab, where grading crews had been working on the shoulders, then his mind went blank.

To bring the story up to date, Jno. G. Powell, insurance man of Sikeston, met Misses Lillian Shields and Mary Emma, Powell's daughter, on the streets of Sikeston, and asked the young ladies whether they would like to make a trip to the iountry with him. They readily agreed and drove to Noxall, about 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Powell transacted his business and the party started back. A few miles down the highway, they saw a large flash and hurried to the scene. Another car driving in the opposite direction and containing two strangers had stopped and were trying to open the dors of an overturned sedan which was wrapped in flames. By the combined efforts of the three men, they were able to drag the limp form of Mr. Ruch from the burning car. He had suffered a blow on the back of the head and was bleeding freely from several cuts about the face and arms. He was loaded into Powell's car and was brought to the Emergency Hospital, where Dr. Presnlel dressed his wounds. The injured man regained consciousness at time during the trip to Sikeston and managed to tell who he was. Later in the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Powell drove to Ruch, and sent Boyer to haul the car to Sikeston.

Tuesday afternoon a jovial, smiling white haired gentleman drove back to Sikeston "To beg Mr. Powell's pardon for not thanking him adequately last night"—it was Ruch himself, and little worse off for his experience the day previous.

The two strangers who really succeeded in dragging Ruch from the wreck, are unknown. They stayed with the burning car and evidently succeeded in putting out the fire by throwing dirt on the flames. The carbuerator had spilled gasoline over the engine and on the ground when the car turned over. The auto sustained four broken glasses, a broken windshield and various dents.

CHARGES DROPPED AGAINST SCHUELER—NO JURISDICTION

State charges against A. Schueler were dismissed on November 30, in Judge Myer's court, for lack of jurisdiction. On November 21, Schueler's car ran into a mule belonging to Barney Waggoner and injured Geo. McIntosh, who was riding the animal to Waggoner's place in Sikeston. This brought action against Schueler, he being charged with recklessly operating an automobile on the highway and injuring the mule and rider.

However, since the accident happened in New Madrid County, the court here ruled that it had no jurisdiction over the case.

Shortly after the accident, Waggoner filed attachment paper against Schueler's car, and Schueler filed a motion to have Waggoner to make $250 bond. This suit has been continued until December 8.

TWO VISITING DRUNKS DRAW STIFF FINES

After absorbing a little too much of spirits of roasting ears, and after engaging in a dispute which led to desertion on the part of the "chauffuel", a Morheouse youth named James, two men were arrested, Monday evening near a local garage on charges of being drunk and disturbing the peace. They gave their names as Joe Cowgur of Illinois and A. C. Overby of Poplar Bluff. The pair pleaded guilty before Judge Myers and were assessed fines totaling $12.50 each.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brenton and Mrs. M. M. Beck were visitors to Cape Giraddeau Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Homer Burrus and Mrs. Jno. LaFont drove to Carmi and Zeigler, Ill., and spent the Thanksgiving holidays, returning home Sunday.

SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

ISSUED TUESDAY AND FRIDAY AT SIKESTON, MISSOURI

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It seems to be able to rain with no effort at all here lately; but in the time between showers it might be a good thing to have the street commissioner to clean out the city drains. During and after a hard shower, water backs up at nearly every street intersection because the drains are either inadequate tho carry the flow. or they are stopped up by leaves and mud, or both. Several home owners, also, might use a crow bar and a few cinders to good advantage and straighten up some of their walks. If they don't make some effort to improve the sidewalks, we might begin to look for an epidemic of "blind staggers", on the part of pedestrians.

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Santa Claus is usually mighty nice to visit all the good children, and most generally brings warm clothing to those who cannot "see" Santa. This is all fine, but we have an idea that most small girls would rather have a doll than warm clothing, and the small boy would prefer toys or a wagon, to an overcoat. The joy of Christmas is reflected in the faces of little folks so in doing your bit, give them happiness as well as warmth.

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The editor made a visit to East Prairie, Saturday afternoon, and was pleased to see such a bustling city. They have a great many more stores than we had any idea of, and all seemed to be doing a good business. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Keith were very busy in their store, which carries a regular line of general merchandise and groceries. We enjoyed a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bright of the East Prairie Eagle while there.

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To keep up with past performances the weather man uncorked a miserable rain on us Tuesday morning. It was not needed by a long sight and put a stop to cotton picking that is suffering from too much rain. The past two or thre weeks has found us with an average of two showers a week—just enough to keep pickers out of the fields. Here's hoping, anyway, that this will be all until after the holidays.

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The Twice-a-Week Standard is worth more than the price asked and we dislike to be forced to pay a commission to have the subscription collected, so we hope those knowing themselves indebted for same, will call and square up.

TRY FIRST AT HOME

A sound, sensible business request that every person in this community should heed, because it means extra dollars to each one.

The merchants of this town want your business. They realize that, to get your business they must give you value received for every dollar you spend with them.

The profit which the merchant realizes from any sale he makes is an added asset to the wealth of this community.

Home spent dollars work for us home folks.

They help to build schools, churches, good roads, better homes.

They help to pay home employed labor.

They help to buy home produced products.

They help us all to prosper.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Complaint has been made to me that some soft drinks places in Scott County are not observing the law which prohibits blinds or screens that obstruct free view from the sidewalk and street into such places.

Believing that most of these violations are due to ignorance of the law rather than a willful intention to violate same, I take this method of calling attention to the matter. The law may be found in Sections six and seven, pages 238-9 of the 1923 Session acts of the State of Missouri.

All kinds of punch boards, slot machines, raffles and lotteries and all other games of chance are likewise prohibited by law.

All officers are requested to see that these laws are not further violated.

M. E. MONTGOMERY,
Prosecuting Attorney Scott County.

TOOK UNFAIR ADVANTAGE

Demcorats of Holden took an unfair advantage of their Republican friends recently, when they paid an election bet. The agreement was the losers were to entertain the winners with a dinner, and when the Republican winners gathered aroud the banquet table, they were served corn bread and mush, and when they grumbled they were told they were on a war-time ration, as the head of their ticket advocated during the war. That was enough to make even a Republican mad, and that would be hard to do immediately after the votes had been counted.

Joe Crothers, down Matthews way, remembered that the editor likes greens and brought us nearly a bushel of turnip greens Tuesday morning, for which we return thanks.

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When someone asked the office stenog if she knew any college jokes, she said: "Several. One of them took me to a Frat dance last night". —Post-Dispatch.

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JOBS WANTED—For High School pupils. Phone 440. tf.

LOST—A Rosary, in a case, in the Legion Park, Sunday. Please return to The Standard office.

LOCAL NEWS FROM MATTHEWS VICINITY

Little Vivia Watkins has diptheria.

W. M. Dunlap was in Sikeston Saturday.

Bob Benford was a Sikeston visitor Saturday.

Miss Barry spent Thanksgiving at her home in Cape Girardeau.

Miss Thelma Davis spent Thanksgiving at her home in East Prairie.

Miss Claribel Canoy visited with friends in the Lead Belt Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Zimmer spent the week-end with relatives in Advance.

B. B. Conrad visited his parents in Marble Hill, during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mesdames G. D. Steele, G. D. Englehart and F. E. Sibley shopped in Sikeston Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Alsup and William Deane motored to New Madrid Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McGee and Mrs. Ed Watkins and children were in Sikeston Saturday.

Mrs. Cora Gossett, Mrs. J. P. Rice and Master Aubrey Clarke were Sikeston visitros Saturday.

Mesdames G. D. Steele and Charles Lumsden attended the meat canning demonstration at Mrs. Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rice and Miss Aleta Hill of St. Louis spent the past few days with Mrs. Cora Gossit.

Two fine sermons were delivered by Rev. Dennis at the Methodist church Sunday morning and Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Spencer of Memphis, Tenn., arrived last Wednesday and spent Thanksgiving with the latter's mother, Mrs. Mae Burch.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ball had as their guests at a Thanksgiving dinner Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rice of St. Louis, Master Aubrey Clarke and Mrs. Cora Gossitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Henderschott entertained Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Henderschott and son of Gary, Ind., and Mrs. Geroge Achley, with a Thanksgiving dinner at their home near Noxall.

Although the rain poured in torrents, the football game between Matthews and Lilbourn was played here Thanksgiving Day. The game ended 45-0 in favor of Matthews. Our boys lost but one game this season.

For the first time in the history of this little town, we had Thanksgiving services at the Methodist church, conducted by the Revs. Dennis and Harden. This service was very much appreciated. All places of business were closed at 10 a. m. We feel proud of the two preachers who have worked up so much unity in this community.

Last Wednesday night, a program was given at the high school auditorium, which did much credit to the teachers and the children. Miss Thelma Davis deserves unlimited praise for the patience she has shown with her expression class. Those little folks certainly were great. This class shows that they have had care and training in their parts.

We all felt as if we had much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving, when we read of storms, floods, etc. in other places and we have been so wonderfully spared these alwful calamities. Our community seems to be thriving. Our two churches seem so united. When we think of our personal blessings, it makes our heart sing a Thanksgiving song of praise.

The box supper at Canoy last Tuesday was quite a success, as they usually are. The sum of $55 was realized from the sale of the boxes and the box of candy for the prettiest young lady, which was won by Miss Ella Ruth Fletcher, a wash pan for the ugliest man, won by B. B. Conrad. Notwithstanding the bad night, the house was packed. A large number of young folks came down from Sikeston and several were here from Lilbourn. The teachers, Mrs. Willa A. Alsup and Ellis Reed, wish to thank those who did so much to make this affair such a success.

M. A. Bragg, 51 years old, of Dexter, is in serious condition at a hospital in Poplar Bluff as a result of injuries received Sunday, presumably when hit by a motorist who fled. He was found lying by the highway between Dexter and Bernie. His right leg was broken and his skull fractured.

Mrs. E. O. Veatch of Campbell lost a $10 bill at a recent tent show performance there. She told the man in charge of the show. Several days later she received a letter from the show superintendent mailed in Illinois, contaiing a check for $10. The letter said that when a check-up was made that night, he found they had $10 over the amount recorded. This, he said, probably had been handed to him by mistake.

The Sikeston Standard $1.50.

SUNDAY HUNTERS ARRESTED

Pittsville, Mo., December 3.—A Missouri blue law, which forbids Sunday hunting, was enforced here yesterday, when four youths were arrested in Johnson County. They were John White, Orville Moran, Paul Solscheld and Joe Solscheld, all of Kansas City.

They were released after depositing $5 and their four weapons. The youths were hunting on the 400-acre farm of Mrs. William Robbey, whom they were visiting near Pittsville. Numerous other arrests of Sunday hunters have been made in this vicinity recently.

An umbrella with teeth that grip the owner's sleeve has been invented. But will it snap at anybody who tries to steal it in a restauran?—Punch.

Sheriff's Sale of Land For Delinquent Taxes Under Special Execution

By virtue and authority of a special execution for delinquent taxes and costs issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Scott County, Missouri, dated the 27th day of September, 1928, and to me the undersigned Sheriff of said County directed, in favor of the State of Missouri, at the relation and to the use of Emil Steck, Collector of the Revenue of Scott County, in the State of Missouri, and against L. E. Warnica, Amy Warnica, A. J. Matthews and Company, Inc., Florence S. Matthews, Lyman A. Matthews, Lloyd Poe, Trustee, Caleb Matthews and A. J. Matthews, A. W. Swacker, Trustee, upon a judgment of said court rendered on the 23rd day of August, 1928, which said judgment was declared a first and paramount lien on said real estate, lying, being and situate in Scott County, Missouri, in favor of the plaintiff, described as follows, to-wit:

Lots Number One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), and Ten (10) in Block Number One (1) of Matthews' Second (2nd) Addition to the town of Vanduser, Scott County, Missouri.

in the sum of $102.86 for the years 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925. Now, therefore, in obedience to the order and decree of said court that the lien of the State of Missouri upon said real estate be enforced, notice is hereby given that I will on

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at the east front door of the Court House in the town of Benton, in said County and State, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, and during the session of the said Circuit Court under judgment and decree of August 23rd, 1928, to satisfy said judgment and costs, sell to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title, claim and interest of the said L. E. Warnica, Amy Warnica, A. J. Matthews and Company, Inc., Florence S. Matthews, Lyman A. Matthews, Lloyd Poe, Trustee, Caleb Matthews and A. J. Matthews, A. W. Swacker, Trustee, in and to the above described real estate, or so much thereof as will be sufficient to satisfy said execution and costs.

Given under my hand and seal this 12th day of November, 1928.

TOM SCOTT,
Sheriff Scott County, Missouri.
H. C. Blanton,
Attorney for Plaintiff.
First publication Nov. 16, '28.

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Lot Number Three (3) in Block Number One (1) of the original Town (Now City) of Chaffee, Scott County, Missouri.

in the sum of $120.62 for the years 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925, plus costs.

Now, therefore, in obedience to the order and decree of said court that the lien of the State of Missouri upon said real estate be enforced, notice is hereby given that I will on

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Given under my hand and seal this 12th day of November, 1928.

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Lot Number Eleven (11) in Block Number One (1) of the original town (now City) of Chaffee, Scott County, Missouri.

Lot Number Twelve (12) in Block Number One (1) of the original town (now City) of Chaffee, Scott County, Missouri.

in the sum of $128.12 for the years 1922, 1923 and 1924, plus costs.

Now, therefore, in obedience to the order and decree of said court that the lien of the State of Missouri upon said real estate be enforced, notice is hereby given that I will on

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at the east front door of the Court House in the town of Benton, in said County and State, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, and during the session of the said Circuit Court under judgment and decree of August 24th, 1928, to satisfy said judgment and costs, sell to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title, claim and interest of the said Joseph L. Moore, Julia Haw Moore, Jas. McPheeters, Trustee, Esther Kelly, Pierce Oil Corporation, A. E. Schuppan, Scott County Bank, First State Bank of Fornfelt, and unknown heirs and beneficiaries of Esther Kelly, deceased, and Regenhardt Construction Company, a corporation, in and to the above described real estate, or so much thereof as will be sufficient to satisfy said execution and costs.

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H. C. Blanton,
Attorney for Plaintiff.
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TOM SCOTT,
Sheriff Scott County, Missouri.
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..LAIR STORE NEWS..

That Interesting Store

Home Furnishings—Undertaking

Our 31st Year in Charleston

Ladies and Gentlemen of Southeast Missouri:

We have determined to dispose of at least half of our splendid $30,000.00 stock of home furnishings and novelties between the 8th and 24th of December.

In order to reach that goal we realize lt will become necessary to cut prices with a vengeance. That matter has been carefully considered and to assure success in the effort profits will be forgotten for the time.

Prices on furniture, heating stoves, ranges, floor coverings and novelties, during this sale will startle you.

Many, many beautiful gift pieces which but recently came from metropolitan markets are in the stock.

Remember the dates: December 8th to December 24th and BE HERE ON THE 8TH.

THE LAIR COMPANY
B. F. D. Lair

Where to Buy—

Radio Batteries

Derris Drug Store

Baby for Sale!

Father a college professor; mother cultured and refined; heredity guaranteed. Price—$30,000.

PASSIONATELY devoted to her husband, Marjorie often said she would sacrifice *anything* for his success and happiness. And now, as he faces failure, disillusionment, despair —*all for a lack of money*—she sees only one way out. She has heard of women, rich and childless, who would give thousands of dollars if they could adopt a baby, and be sure of its heredity. But as the golden dreams of approaching motherhood fill her soul, she wonders if she can go through with it.

Even while she prays for courage to make this terrible sacrifice, she is thinking that perhaps the rich woman who comes to her aid could take her abroad, "for a few months' travel." There her baby could be born—to become *the other woman's baby.*

It all seems so easy. Still, as she visions the helpless little mite of humanity that lives close to her heart —she wonders if she can do it. Can anything ever take the place of that little life that, for her, will die the moment it is born?

Read her piteous story, "Nature's Vengeance," in January True Story Magazine.

True, the secret of her coming baby is still her own. Even her husband does not know—*need never know.* But can she resist the loving touch of tiny, helpless baby hands that are already closing tightly around her heart? *Can she sell her unborn child?*

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I Wanted a Husband
My Price of Redemption
Sacred and Profane Love
The Woman Who Conquered Shame
After The Elopement
—and eight other stories

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WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS INTERESTING ART AND ANTIQUE DISPLAY TUESDAY

The Woman's Club of Sikeston was delightfully entertained at the beautiful home of Mrs. L. O. Rodes Tuesday afternoon, with twenty-two members and a number of visitors in attendance.

After a song and reading of the Club collect in unison and also the reading by Mrs. C. C. Rose of the Club's Christmas wish, included in the year book, roll call was responded to by naming old buildings of note, which was made more interesting from the fact that several of the members had been abroad and had actually seen the buildings mentioned.

At the business session, Mrs. Harold Trowbridge, Chairman of the Library Committee reported that she had been successful in securing a room in which to open the library. This room was most kindly offered free of charge to the Club by Mr. Bowman and is located is the Scott County Milling Company Building. The Club voted unanimously to accept this gracious offer and Mrs. Trowbridge was given full charge of library activities and hopes to have the library functioning in a very short time. The books were transferred to their new home Wednesday. Mrs. Trowbridge told of the interest shown by Miss Lenore Rafferty of the Cape Girardeau Public Library, and Miss Sadie Kent of the Teachers College, Cape Girardeau, in our library here, and that each woman said she could be with us in Sikeston at any time to help and offer suggestions as to the arranging of books, etc. Inasmuch as both Miss Rafferty and Miss Kent have a comprehensive knowledge of library affairs gleaned from actual experience, their assistance would be a splendid asset.

The chairman of the Library Committee and her helpers are to be highly commended for their untiring efforts in behalf of organizing a library for Sikeston.

Mrs. Harry Dudley, leader for the afternoon, sponsored an art and antique display, which proved wonderfully entertaining as well as instructive. Beautiful, strange and antique, also modern articles of interest were brought by the various club members. Mrs. Mollie Long's exquisite old quilts and shawl, 75 and 100 years old were works of art, as were those of Mrs. Frank Sikes, Mrs. Emma Kendall and the grogeous paisley shawl shown by Mrs. Hess. Lovely were the more modern but beautiful hand-worked linen articles made by Mrs. A. B. Skillman, without which no display of this kind in Sikeston would be complete.

Mrs. C. A. Cook, Mrs. Mollie Long, Mrs. C. C. White, Mrs. L. O. Rodes and Mrs. Arnold Roth displayed rare pieces of china and the guests' coffee was poured from a lovely old China coffee pot, by Mrs. Rodes and Mrs. Roth in honor of the Club's Art and Antique program.

Mrs. Kate Greer brought as her contribution two old volumes of William Cowper's poems, entirely handmade and published in 1823. A quaint old tapestry bag was shown by Mrs. Harry Dudley, which was over 100 years old, having been made by a Mohawk Indian. She also displayed a most interesting letter, the original, writen by Jefferson Davis in 1865. Mrs. Dudley then read a letter written by her own grandfather at the age of 16, the day before he went into battle, 1862, and showed an old Harper's Weekly, dated January 7, 1865.

Mrs. E. T. Wheatley kept the Club intent throughout her talk on the "Passion Play" given every ten years in the little Alpine village of Oberammergau, and which she, herself had witnessed. She told graphically of the tiny Swiss village nestling in the heart of the Alps, and we could really visualize some of the scences she described. Mrs. Wheatley said that to her, after of course that of the Christus, portrayed by the internationally known Anton Lang, the character Judas was the outstading one of the "Passion Play". She displayed a vase bought in Anton Lang's shop in Oberammergau and also a small statue made by the character who played the part of Joseph of Armathea.

Mrs. Burns exhibit was a beautiful picture, the work of a talented Cape Girardeau friend. Mrs. C. E. Brenton showed a handsomely made lap secretary which had belonged to her mother and Mrs. L. R. Brown, a curious and beautifully wrought box of olive wood from Italy. Mrs. M. M. Beck displayed the senatorial book of her great-grandfather, one of the first senators from Indiana. The book is dated 1837. She also showed a piece of old sliver, an heir-loom.

Mrs. Eula Bowman Shanks read the first and last verses of the ancient poem in existence, "Indra, The Supreme God", by Dutt. This is a translation from Sanskrit, written 3500 B. C., the dim ages in which this poem was composed, making our Colonial china, quilts, etc., in comparison seem modern indeed.

The next meeting of the Club will be held at the home of Mrs. E. E. Hudson, December 18, with Miss Maude Herring as leader.

Woven Straw Toys



When good Santa saw these curious hand-woven straw hats in Mexico he immediately ordered a consignment to be brought over the border. They are as nonbreakable as knitted or rubber toys and therefore make wonderful gifts for children. They may also be used as novel porch or sunroom decorations.

KWKH, STATION "DOG GONE" LICENSE SUSPENDED 60 DAYS

"Dog gone my picture. Dog gone 'em". Yes, you've guessed it. This is the Henderson Iron Works of Shreveport. But one W. K. Henderson's free lance dog gonning and other sundry expressions will not be heard for some sixty days. The powers of the air that be, have shot the works and closed KWKH for a two-month period because Henderson would not conform to his new allocation. We shall stand by now for some caustic opinions of the Federal Radio Commission when old W. K. again takes the air.

Mrs. John Chaney, who has been on the sick list for several days, is better, we are glad to report.

"One person is struck by an autobile in this country every forty-two seconds", says an informative contemporary. He must be in pretty bad shape by this time, whoever he is.—New York Evening Post.



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A HORSE TO ARIZONA A LA CARTE TUESDAY

A black-eyed, slender fellow in a ten-gallon hat, drove up to a local gas station for a "refill", and a bit of information regarding road conditions. That alone would provoke very little interest. His trailer and the contents of the trailer did stop traffic and provoked a flood of questions.

It developed that the man was a real Western cowboy, who had been on a barnstorming tour of the East. His latest stand had been in Michigan. He carried his horse, which incilently had one glass eye, in a wood and canvas trailer mounted on two auto tires.

He explained to an interested group of admirers that he rode the horse in rodeos, nad that he was now on his way to "God's country"—Arizona, for the winter.

When last seen he was headed South on Kingshighway with the intention of raeching Blytheville, Ark., before nightfall. The spectators were convinced of the fact that on this occasion, at least, putting the cart before the horse seemed to work out.

CORRECT CAGE SCHEDULE

Boys' and girls' teams will take part in the preliminary basketball game at Bloomfield December 14 instead of boys only, as stated in Tuesday's Standard, and the game on January 4 is at Caruthersville in place of Charleston.

Vernon "Dutch" Heisler and Brown Jewel went to Mound City, Ill., Tuesday to try and collect a number of overdue notes and to deliver some "wooden" checks.

Tobe Moseley says with all the patent beautifiers nowadays a person has to put on his high powdered specks to tell a pretty girl from an urgly one.—Commercial Appeal.

COMEBACK OF OPERA IS FORSEEN BY THE GREAT THEATRICAL POWERS

When the greatest amusement syndicates in the world turn to the production of Opera, is it not convincing proof that the cleaner and higher order of things musically are being demanded by the public, for after all the success of any big enterprise is measured by the popular demand.

Just at this time there is evident activity in the Opera and Operetta field,—a new era of musical productions—an era that promises to restore to the American stage the Operetta type of entertainment. The past summer has found every city of any importance with its municipal or privately sponsored season of opera. At this time in all the principal cities at least one theatre is given over to the production of this higher art in music. In keeping with this popular trend, our city is to be favored at an early date with a sumptuous revival of Rudolf Friml's "The Firefly", one of the latest and yet one of the most popular operas ever written—for who has not been charmed by the plaintive melodies found in the beloved gems of "Giannina Mia", "Love is Like a Firefly", "Sympathy", "Tommy Atkins", "When a Maid Comes Knocking at Your Heart", "A Woman's Smile" and "An American Beauty Rose".

"The Crash"

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MALONE

Theatre

THURSDAY

DEBEMBER 20th

The Valentine Opera organization of fifty people, including special symphonic orchestra, under the personal direction of Miss Valentine—(the only woman conductor of Opera in America today) is to give one performance in this city soon. Arrangements are now being made whereby it will be sponsored by some of the leading musical clubs and opera enthusiasts of Sikeston. Manager Wilson of the Malone Theatre, will annuonce in a few days, or as soon as the date is agreed upon, full details as to scale of prices and all information regarding this truly history making event. Reports from trustworthy sources are that they are selling more than capacity at every performance, says Manager Wilson. He also states the matter of price is now being discussed and he assures the public that he will get them down so that no one need miss "The Firefly".

W. C. LIBRARY MOVED TO NEW QUARTERS WEDNESDAY

Some five hundred volumes, the property of the Sikeston Woman's Club, have been transferred from the Chamber of Commerce rooms to Room 209 of the Scott County Milling Co. Bldg. The new library will be opened to the public as soon as the books can be catalogued and shelved, and a system of loaning them put in effect. Mrs. Harold Trowbridge, Chairman of the Woman's Club Library Work, and Mrs. C. C. Rose were engaged in placing the books in wall racks, Wednesday.

The library will be enlarged soon by the purchase of new books by the Club. Mrs. Trowbridge was recently empowered with the necessary authority to expend certain funds for that purpose. The Missouri Utilities Co., through M. M. Beck, donated a table lamp for use in the new library quarters.

FOUND—A suit case on Highway 61, Sunday. Owner please call 618.

COUNCIL HOLDS REGULAR MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

The regular monthiy meeting of the City Council was held last Monday night. Councilmen Denman, Hayden and Hebbeler were appointed on a committee to see merchants regarding the appointment of an extra night watchman. The wages of this extra officer would have to be made up by a canvas of business men and from donations by other citizens.

The Council also passed an ordinance raising the yearly license fee for junk dealers to $100. This action was taken to discourage petty junkmen from operating in the city, in the belief that such action on the part of some led to stealing.

Routine business of approving current bills took up the rest of the evening.

R. C. Matthews appeared before the Council asking the use of the city's sewer cleaning device on a portion of drain along Highway 61. The Department guarateed to return the tool in good shape. The Council agreed to allow the request.

LETTERS TO SANTA START COMING IN

All honors for the first Santa Claus letter this year go to Charley Wheeler from way up in Flint, Mich. Charley writes a good hand, and is not a bit modest about telling what he wants, but then he probably knows that Old Santa will come well loaded again this year, and that he will be pretty likely to leave lots and lots of prseents for the boys and girls of Flint so that his sleds and aifrplanes won't be so heavy.

Come on now all you boys and girls around Sikeston and send in your Christmas list.

Remember that this jolly old fellow must kow what you want pretty soon. He's a busy fellow, this Santa Claus and you'd better follow Charley's example and write him that Christmas letter. Put "Santa Claus, Sikeston Standard, Sikeston, Mo". We'll print the letter and send him the paper. Who will be next after Charley Wheeler?

Flint, Mich.,
1120 Oak St.,
December 3, 1028.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a good little boy and live in Flint, Mich., with my mamma.

I am writing you to let you know what I want for Xmas. Please bring me a little train that runs on a track and a little doggie that says bow wow and a set of tinker toys and a little gun. Please Santa will you bring me some boots so I can wade the snow and please bring me lots of nuts and candy and other good things to eat. I will go to bed early and shut my eyes tight. You will find my little stocking hanging by the window.

Now Santa, please don't forget my little friends, Rex and Johnny Martin and Hurn Israel, they live in Flint, too.

CHARLEY WHEELER

P. S.: Please bring me a story book.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyon Schroff are the proud parents of a baby girl born to them Tuesday morning, December 4.

A man who was brought before a Paris police magistrate for the forty-second time was ordered to be discharged in the custody of his wife. But he pleaded for a sentence in prison and was given two years.

Sap Spradlen got all stirred up in an argument and like to of flew off of the handle today, but when he got to talking right hoarse away down in his throat, the fellow cleared it up for him by making him swallow some rough words.—Commercial Appeal.

C'VILLE THIEVES EXCHANGE STOLEN CARS—POLICE RECOVER BOTH VEHICLES

Last Saturday night Kenneth Dillman and his wife of Caruthersville, missed their Chevrolet coach, parked on Fourth Street, after they had finished shopping. The Caruthersville police were notified, but nothing was learned of its whereabouts until Sunday when Grover Baker notified them that he had pulled a car out of the mud in a lane on his place north of Sikeston. Baker identified the owner by an envelope bearing Dillman's name in the car.

Dillman and Chief of Police Scott of Caruthersville came to this city Sunday evening and recovered the car which was undamaged, still having some gas in the tank. The owner had had his oil changed and the gas tank filled just before the car was stolen.

Blytheville, Ark. police had trace of the car. They notified Scot t that four negroes had driven through Blythevlile, and a check-up of the speedometer indicated that it had been driven just about far enough to cover the distance to Blytheville and to Sikeston.

While Chief Scott and Dillman were conferring with the local police Sunday evening, Dr. W. A. Anthony came into headquarters and reported the theft of his Chrysler coach from in front of his residence.

Dr. Anthony had not locked his car, he said. He merely drove up, left his car and after eating his evening meal, he intended to take the laundry to the washwoman. His car was gone, so he reported his loss to the police. Chief Scott, working on the supposition that the four negroes who had taken Dillman's car and abandoned it in favor of Anthony's coach, found the latter' car Monday.

"This is my second experience with car borrowers", said Dr. Anthony Wednesday, "and hereafter they will have more trouble getting away, because I intend to lock it every time I park even if it is for only a few minutes".

The thieves have not been apprehended.

Every attempt having failed to Induce the cannibals of Acouti to give up eating white men, the native chief has resorted to a very plausible expedient. He now warns his subjects that if they eat the white man they will be possessed by the devil in him. This warning has rendered travel through this region safe for the white man.

Clever Tea "Cozy"



"Just what I wanted" is what the good housewife will be writing in her note of thanks to the donor of this clever and useful gift. This "cozy" and holder set is made of quilted sateen. The design is unique being a bird's head, with wings suggested in the lines of the quilting. Slipped over the tea or coffee urn it keeps the contents hot and steaming. With the aid of this handy device the mistress of the house or her maid can serve biscuits hot from the oven.

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Sikeston has heretofore carried an immense line of staple and fancy articles suitable for presents for rich and poor alike, and this time of year we should all feel rich for a short time.

From the looks of the show windows and the stocks inside, Sikeston is stocked as never before, the merchants feeling that Christmas comes but once a year and it being the time when all should enter into the spirit of the season, they will have no trouble to outfit Santa Claus with the good things to eat, to wear, to please the eye and to gladden the heart.

Our merchants are using advertising space liberally to tell of the wonderful things and your purchases can be held for you until hte last minute.

The thing is to shop early while everything is fresh and the lines are full. You will be better satisfied and the merchant will be better satisfied.

If your package is to be sent away, the post office and express officials would rather have them come early so they can be delivered before the last minute rush that usually comes the last three or four days before Christmas.

"Remember the days of thy youth" and let your thoughts turn back to childhood and to what Santa Claus meant to you, then let your conscience and your pocketbook be your guide.

BOOSTERS TO CHARTER SPECIAL TRAIN OR BUSSES FOR CRYSTAL CITY GAME

Malden, December 4.—Business men of Malden, believing in the high school football team, will charter a special train or a squadron of motor busses to go to Cape Girardeau, Friday, for the intersectional football game with Crystal City.

Banks will close for the afternoon and business generally will close for the occasion. It is estimated that more than 200 will go from here.

The Malden team, accompanied by Coach Muir and other school officials, will leave here Thursday, work out that afternoon on the Cape Girardeau field, and will spend the night at the Hotel Marquette.

POPLAR BLUFF MAYOR SUSPEND POLICE OFFICERS

Poplar Bluff ,December 4.—Mayor John W. Berryman today suspended Police Officer Guy Ferguson and Assistant Chief of Police Kent Vanderpool, in connection with the campaign to clean up Poplar Bluff, inaugurated about two weeks ago. The question was presented to the City Council last night and the Council gave him a rising vote of confidence. The suspension followed. Mayor Berryman told the Concil that afer 30 days, if the Council desired, the officers could be restored to office.

The mayor would not divulge the character of charges against the police officers, but his action followed conference with Chief of Police Bob Davis and a thorough investigation he said.

The railroads of this country carry about 875,000,000 pay passengers a year and the electric railways some 12,000,000,000.

Many sincere drinkers must have cast their ballot for the Republican nominee. The non-enforcement of the law, they said, should remain in the hands of a party which is experienced in that line of work.—New Yorker.

Sealing Wax Artcraft



The decorative tree pictured is an exponent of the new sealing wax art which women everywhere are taking up with such enthusiasm. Each leaf is formed first of paper and wire, being cut to pattern. Then each is painted over with dissolved amber sealing wax which gives it a beautiful enamel surface. Gilt sealing wax is piled up for the base which holds the gold-covered trunk of the tree. Electric light bulbs are concealed under clusters of handmade date palms.

Christmas *in the* Hospital

By FRANK H. SWEET

BIG JOHN GIBBS was happy that Christmas, though he lay quiet on a bed in a hospital, with a prospect of remaining three months longer. The doctors had decided his chances were not encouraging, and he had come to that conclusion himself. Then had come the changing of the decision. He would live, though it would take months for the mending. He could go on again with his big enterprises, as he had been planning. He was too young to die, anyway, and there was so many things ahead that he wanted to do.

He had tried to save a few minutes by racing with a train, but the train had been the faster. He knew about such things. He had often read them. He had not saved the few minutes. They had stretched to more than three months. But he would live, when he had felt sure he would die. So he was happy.

Lying there he realized there were many visitors going through the hospital, for it was Christmas. There were children, too. He knew by the voices, and by the patter of small feet. Then he heard some one say a supposed patient had gone away, convalescent. Evidently they had brought things for him, and were now looking about for another to give them to. He had a feeling that they were looking at him, and he closed his eyes and feigned sleep. He did not want any of their charity.

But lying there he had a sort of sorry feeling for himself. He had no children. He had been too busy in the quest of fortune to ever marry.

The visitors walked on, and he lay there quietly content and curiously happy. He was going to live, when he had been sure he must die. He could go on with his work. There was no hurry. He was young yet.

With his eyes closed, he drifted off—and was asleep. He did not hear soft little footsteps approaching, and if he had he would have repelled them. He thought he did not like children. But he did not know.

Then two little arms went around his neck, and a childish mouth was pressed against his, then he knew.

"I love you because you are sick," she whispered.

When he found she was a poor child of one of the hospital workers, he sent out for an armful of Christmas gifts, and banked a hundred dollars in her name.

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THE CHRISTMAS TREE

THE sun streamed through the window-glass. They stood admiring what was left of Christmas—a handful of waxen stubs, some tarnished tinsel and a few colored bulbs; a dusty shrub spilling needles on a soiled sheet. Then a shadow hid the sun!

They did not see through the window the giant elm with its carpet of frosted crystals, its branches of prisms and pendants and corruscations. God touched the switch, the sun came out and nature's Christmas tree stood glittering and sparkling with gems too precious ever to be possessed but free for the poorest beggar!—Mabel Atkinson in the Prism.

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He—How do you like my Christmas present, dear?

Modern Flapper—Mother says I should never accept inexpensive presents from boys.

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She—I suppose you are familiar with Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

He—Well, not exactly familiar with it, but I heartily approve of it. One of the best things he ever did was to invent a Christmas Carol that people could read quietly instead of trying to sing.—Boston Transcript.

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All colors
69c

Childrens Ribbed Unions
For boys and girls all sizes
47c

SOUVENIRS FOR THE CHILDREN

Pass-It-On Presents

By L. B. LYONS

THE widow Halderman and her daughter had no money to spend on Christmas shopping but there was one, little Jane McMurray, a cripple, to whom they would like to have given the best that money could buy.

"Well, if we can't buy something for Jane, haven't we something about the house that we could give her?" pleaded Sheila Halderman of her mother?

"I can't see one thing about the house that she needs worse than we do!" the mother sadly informed her daughter after she made a trip about the tiny house.

Just then, little Sheila spied something. Clapping her hands, she ran to the window sill and grasped a huge geranium which she herself had grown from a seed which had been sent gratis to her with a flower catalogue. The plant bore four bright red blooms and many buds. "Mother, little Jane needs that worse than we do," she exclaimed.

So it was, that eve, Sheila and her mother took the gay flower to Jane as a Christmas gift. They had spent many minutes over the wrapping and tagging of the little parcel. Some one had sent them a plate of cookies once upon a time, under which they had found a beautiful paper lace dolly. This very dolly they had used to wrap the unsightly flower pot.

From a last year's calendar, the Haldermans had clipped a huge holly wreath which they had pasted upon cardboard. Then had come the wording. They had finally decided upon: "For some one who needs this worse than I do!"

Little Jane was delighted and hugged the beautiful plant almost to the point of crushing it. She thanked them again and again and they noted tears of joy stream down her cheeks.

A few days later Sheila went down to see Jane again and the first thing she noticed was the absence of the geranium. "Did the flower die, Jane?" she asked, half afraid something had happened to it?

"No dear," Jane answered, "but I read the tag that was on it and I got to thinking there was poor Jimmy Miner up there in Mercy hospital with nothing but that white painted ceiling to look at, so I decided he needed that flower more than I did. I knew you wouldn't care!" And so the Christmas gift from the Haldermans passed from one to another until it had finished blooming.

"To think, mother, we could never have bought gifts for all those people, could we? I am going to plant a lot of flower seeds right away, and get ready for next year's "pass-it-on" Christmas presents.

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SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

WHEN biting north winds sweep across crusted snow and icicles hang from every projecting eave; when hearth fires blaze cheerily, and the odor of pine, and holly, and laurel is everywhere; when the larder is full of good things and the heart is full of cheer—then it is Christmas.

The Spirit of Christmas has never been caught or imprisoned; artists are at a loss whether to portray the cheery elf as a passenger on Santa's sleigh, a friend of his reindeer, or in a glory and radiance that is angelic—they cannot portray it. Christmas is more than December 25. The turning of a calendar leaf cannot bring Christmas It is not dependent solely upon a profusion of good things—it is not contingent upon playtime or music or merriment. Christmas is more than all of these. It is a spirit of good will and friendship. When it breezes in upon us on Christmas eve, we feel its inspiration and joy, and when it passes early in the new year, we regret that it could not remain with us always.

Let us carry a bit of the Christmas spirit with us throughout the year. — W. D. Penxpacker.

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Easy



Miss May Turtle—Suppose some fellow you don't like, tries to kiss you when you're under the mistletoe, what will you do?

Miss Sadie Turtle—That's easy I'll pull in my head!

Millions of Christmas Trees

It is estimated that 5,000,000 Christmas trees are used in celebrating the holiday season in the United States.

MABEL CAN'T DAM UP BORDER RUM FLOOD

Washington, December 3.—Whisky is flowing across the Canadian border into the United States in "immense" quantities and the problem of checking the flow is still unsolvde.

Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, assistant attorney general of the United States in charge of prohibition enforcement, made this frank statement in her annual report submitted to Congress today.

Figures compiled by the Canadian department of trade and commerce indicating that at least $24,397,958 worth of liquor, Canadian valuation, found its way across the border during the year ended June 30, were submitted by Mrs. Willebrandt. At the bootleg prices quoted in the United States this would amount to about $100,000,000.

Whisky shipments alone have increased 75 per cent during the last three years. In 1925 these shipments totaled 665,896 gallons valued at $10,722,988. In 1928 they reached the amazing total of 1,169,902 gallons, valued at $18,883,541. These figures include only whisky imports making no reckoning of other alcoholic beverages.

In theory the Canadian liquor runner clears his cargo regularly thru customs, before proceeding to evade the United States customs in making delivery. It is known, however, that not all of the liquor smuggled across the border passes regularly through the Canadian customs. Thus the amount that flowed in was greatly in excess of that which the customs figures indicate.

While the Canadian problem "continues to be unsolved", the record of foreign ship seizures "would seem to indicate that the smuggling traffic from the high seas through the aid of hovering vessels is diminishing", Mrs. Willebrandt said.

Seizures of domestic vessels during the year totaled 370 as against 320 during the preceding year. Of these seizures, 174 or 47 per cent, were made in Florida Waters, or in that vicinity.

The foreign vessels hovering with supplies of liquor off the coast "continue to be a source of trouble along the seaboards, east, west and south".

On domestic phases of the enforcement problem, Mrs. Willebrandt reported that 55,792 criminal prosecutions were instituted during the past year, making an increase of 15,020 over the year before.

"BLUE LAW" PASSED AFTER FIGHT ON SUPPOSED BAN

Columbia, Mo., December 4.—Prof. W. C. Etheridge, a member of the City Council, opposes the ordinance against the Sunday movies on the ground that it represents misuse of power and that it draws a false distinction in morals.

"The movie, with all its faults provides a decent form of entertainment", he said. "If it is not immoral during the week, we are brought to an absurd conclusion if we argue, that it is immoral to have shows on Sunday. No mere social program that can possibly be devised can take the place of the spiritual force in the church".

As to the possible detraction to students, Prof. Etheridge says that in universities located on or near large cities where distractions are more boundless, undergraduate scholarship is not inferior to that of students in small towns where distractions are comparatively few.

"I therefore deny the suggestion that our students will be blown like chaff morally or intelectually by the mere addition of a Sunday distraction, in itself not immoral", he said.

Hand-Crocheted 'Bow-Wow'



Did you ever see anything more cunning than this fluffy white puppy? This little dog, which is crocheted of white zephyr, has become the popular hero of the hour, where women are doing fancywork for Christmas. Funny part is, these adorable puppies make as acceptable gifts to grown-ups as they do to infants and older children. While it is a toy-ideal for the child it is also amusingly decorative posed on a cushion in some strategic spot in the room.

EARNINGS OF HUNTER CO. IN YEAR, $158,000

Cape Girardeau, December 4.—E. M. Moore, of Benton, temporary receiver, was appointed trustee in charge of liquidation of the bankrupt Hunter Land and Development Co., at the first meeting of creditors Monday afternoon before Harry E. Alexander, referee in bankruptcy, at the Federal building. The selection was by unanimous consent of the creditors and their representatives.

The meeting, called principally for the purpose of inquiring into the assets of the Hunter company, was of preliminary nature and was adjourned until 1:30 p. m., Tuesday, December 18, when the trustee will report his findings as to the conditions of the Hunter property.

At the meeting it was stated by W. J. Hunter, president of the land and development company since 1920, that during the year 1918, prior to the time the agricultural depression set in in Southeast Missouri, the concern made a net profit of $158,000, which, however, was exclusive of various developmnet taxes. The taxes, he explained, according to the system of bookkeeping employed were credited to the value of the land as improvements, so that the $158,000 cannot literally be taken as net. For the years 1916, '17, '18 and '19, Hunter explained, the company credited itself with an average profit of $100,000.

The firm was organized in 1916 by William Hunter, president until his death in 1919, father of W. J. Hunter, Dr. U. P. Haw, Benton physician, the younger Hunter and his brother, Lin of Caruthersville. Since the death of William Hunter the company has been composed of Dr. Haw and the two Hunters, W. J. as president and Lin as vice-president.

The peak of the company's indebtedness was reached in 1923, W. J. Hunter testified, when the firm had gross assets of $4,163,000 and liabilities of $1,921,000. At that time it owned 72,000 acres of land in Scott, Pemiscot, New Madrid, Mississippi and Stoddard counties. On November 19, when it filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, the Hunter company had an indebtedess of $775,000, ad assets which it valued at $1,258,263.

Hunter estimated that if the company's land in Pemiscot and Mississippi counties could be disposed of advantageously all debts could be paid and there would remain a surplus of $97,000. This, he explained, would be contingent upon receiving $100 an acre for the Pemiscot county land and slightly less for that in Mississippi County, which he admitted to be very unlikely at the present time when little land is being sold.

Examined as to the land holdings of the company, Hunter said that the firm owns 2000 acres between Benton and Morley, a tract referred to as the "home place", it having been in the family longest. About 600 acres of this is uncultivated, Hunter said, and the entire tract is incumbered to the extent of $54 an acre, including taxes for 1928. In Mississippi County the company owns 80 acres of land with an indebtedness of $400, and in Pemiscot couty it has 851 acres which it values at $100,000. It is incumbered approximately $26 an acre. These are the company's largest holdings.

In liquidating the company's assets, Hunter suggested, it may be found wise to drop some of the land for taxes. This, he said, he would advise as to the property in south Cape Girardeau county. Some of the land in Scott county is too poor to attempt to farm profitably, he said, and should be allowed to go for taxes, while other tracts are too highly developed to forfeit and should be disposed of otherwise. All of the Pemiscot county land should be held, he said.

One of the things developed at the hearing was that the Liberty Mortgage Company, of Memphis, on November 20, the day following filing of the petition, started foreclosure procedings on mortagegs on the Pemiscot County lands and advertised for bids in a Caruthersville newspaper, unaware that the Hunter Company was in bankruptcy. After a conference with other creditors the representative of the mortgage company agreed to drop the foreclosure proceedings and suffer the costs.

Handling of the Pemiscot county lands offers a problem which was discussed at some length at the creditors' meeting. It was pointed out that if the land is to be held profitably it must be cultivated, and that the season for engaging tenants is almost over. The scarcity of good tenants who can finance themselves or be financed at a low cost may endanger the cultivation of the land next year, it was said.

Another feature of the hearing was that the Board of Finance of the Methodist church in this area may find itself possessed of approximately 540 acres of land in the vicinity of Delta in south Cape Girardeau county. Originally the board made a loan of $10,000 on the tract and by the payment of taxes and default of interest the past several years this amount has been increased to over $30,000. The representative of the board was the opinion that it might be well to take over the land, a proposal to which no opposition was offered other creditors of the Hunter company.

Refere Alexander, at the meeting, appointed W. O. Bowman of Cape Girardeau as trustee for the estate of W. J. Hunter, who filed a petition in bankruptcy at the time the Hunter company filed. Bowman's bond was fixed at $500, while the bond of Moore, trustee for the company, was not fixed at the time.

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Mrs. James Peal and daughtre visited relatives at Vanduser, this week.

Mrs. Carl Rickard and baby of Flat River are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Pearman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Marshall entertained Mrs. Marshall's sister and brother of St. Louis this week-end.

Mrs. Mary L. Parker entertained the Baptist Missionary Society Monday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Neinstedt and daughter visited relatives at Marion, Tenn., Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Mary A. Ogilvie of Charleston and granddaughter, Mary Margaret, of Chicago spent the holiday with Dr. F. L. Ogilvie at the W. H. Stubbs home.

Misses Mary Davis and Lorene Hamby visited friends at Sikeston Friday

Rev. Doss and family vsiited relatives at Parma Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Marshall entertained several friends for Thanksgiving dinner.

Mrs. Dell Sweerly was a Morley visitor Monday.

Thad L. and Porter Stubbs visited friends at Delta Saturday.

Mrs. Harry Stubbs and mother accompanied Mrs. Ogilvie home Sunday afternoon and visited a few hours.

Miss Mary Abshier and Miss Evelyn Rexer of Diehlstadt have accepted positions here. Miss Abshier in the dry goods department of Blodgett Mercantile Co. and Miss Rexer in the office of Marshrall Land Merc.

Mrs. W. A. Bean left Sunday for St. Louis, where she has accepted a position.

Mrs. R. R. Reynolds shopped in Cape Girardeau, Monday.

The following teachers were out of town on Turkey Day: Roger Rhodes was at his home at Gideon, Clement Koerber and S. S. Barnes at Cape Girardeau,Miss Freeda Smith visited her brother at Cape Girardeau and

Chair Pin Cushion



Maybe this dainty little bisque flapper will come to dwell in your home. She is ornamental enough to win welcome in any boudoir and on any dressing table. Her "over-stuffed" chair looks massive. It really measures only about five inches. Santa will distribute ever so many of these pin cushions this Christmas.

Some indication of the extent to which the Hunter company may "pay out" may be given at the second meeting of creditors, December 18, when the trustee has had opportunity to investigate the assets of the firm, it is said at the meeting.

LOCAL NEWS FROM MATTHEWS VICINITY

The football team was given a banquet Monday evening at the Swartz Building by their mothers and Mrs. G. D. Englehart. Supt. Englehart acted as toastmaster and was responded to by members of the team. A reading was given by Donald Lumsden. B. B. Conrad gave several selections on the banjo and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all.

Miss Dixie Hicks was the guest of Miss Marie Benford over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Elderbrook of Indiana are here on a visit to their sons, George and Bill Elderbook and their families.

Ellis Reed spent Thanksgiving Miss Helen Slinkard was with homefolks at Chaffee.

Stephen Peal and wife and brother visited relatives in St. Louis this week-end.

Joe and Len Hatcher left this week for Detroit, Mich., after a month's visit with their grandmother.

rMs. J. F. Nunelee entertained the Woman's Missionary Society Wednesday.

The Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. D. M. Jester, Decemebr 13.

Marvin Brascher is quite sick a tthis time.

Buy your Sunday dinner at the bake sale.

with his parents at Oak Ridge. Adrian Andrews accompanied Mr. Reed home.

Mr. Patterson of Lilbourn was in Matthews on business Tuesday.

Billy Walker of Sikeston was here Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Lucy Calvin and daughter, Juanita, and son, Alfred Forrest, spent from Wednesday until Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Calvin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Foster and children of Morley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Englehart Sunday.

Miss Geneva Calvin spent the week-end in Sikeston, the guest of Miss Juanita Calvin.

Clarence Hunott, and Charley Hawkins were New Madrid vsiitors Monday.

Mrs. G. D. Englehart had her cooking club at her home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. G. D. Steele's cooking club gave a demonstration in making biscuits Wednesday. The biscuits did credit to the young ladies.

The Sikeston Standard, $1.50.

Famous Mining Strikes

By THOMAS B. STEWARD

WNU Service

Klondike Gold Rush

GOLD was discovered in the alluvial sand deposits along the border line between American Alaska and the Canadian Klondike as long ago as 1887. For some years after that the number of miners at work in placer mines of that district gradually increased, but it was not until 1897-98 that the richest Klondike strikes were made.

The difficulties of getting into interior Alaska, where the gold lay, were tremendous, yet more than 30,000 miners made this extremely arduous journey in a period of four years.

The name "Klondike" came from the principal river of this famous gold-bearing area, but it was not alone as a wealth producer. Over an area of something like 800 square miles every creek, brook and river was a source of treasure and the sands of every stream were carefully panned by the gold-hungry adventurers.

During the brief three and a half months of the Arctic summer it was a simple matter to wash the gravel along the Alaskan streams, but when winter set in the miners found their problem one of extreme difficulty. Food was scarce, camps were almost unbearably uncomfortable, and, worst of all, the sand and gravel was all frozen so hard that a pick made little impression. Under these difficulties the miners finally adopted the method of building huge fires on the sand at night. Awakening in the morning, they were able to shovel out the sand for a depth of a foot or so. This they loaded up in a stockpile to be washed when warm weather returned and thawed out the frozen mass of gold-bearing sands.

Alaskan gold production reached a maximum of $22,000,000 in 1900, but had declined by 1906 to a little more than a quarter of that sum. The population of Dawson City, the principal Klondike camp, dwindled from 10,000 to 3,000 and then gradually sank still lower. Canadian estimates have placed the total gold extraction on both the Canadian and American sides of the Klondike border at approximately $100,000,000 in the entire period between 1887 and 1906.

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The Return of Anthony Trent

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CHAPTER VII

The Letter From Nowhere.

Albert Thorpe, the butler, was the first in the house to awaken. Since Mrs. Grant had ordered him to obey Yeatman implicitly, he slept uncomfortably on a camp-bed drawn across the door of the footmen's room and might not even rebuke them for snoring since his errand was a secret one. At daylight he considered himself free to go downstairs and mix himself a little stimulant. Next he took a handful of sweet crackers from a silver box and opened a door leading to the terrace. Here, every morning, the airedales were wont to wait for the biscuits and hear the jovial sort of talk dogs love.

They were in their accustomed place this morning; but not again would they prance about their friend and show their affection. The man saw instantly that they had come to their end through poison. For all his stately airs and commanding presence, the butler had a soft heart where dogs were concerned. Tears filled his eyes and the desire for vengeance inflamed his heart.

After all, the detective had been right in his precaution if mistaken in his methods. Thorpe immediately sought out Yeatman. Obviously a search of the premises must be made under the detective's leadership.

Mr. Yeatman was not in his room; his bed had not been slept in. It was in another sort of bed he had passed a night full of alarms, cramps and the intrusion of inquisitive rodents. When he came to consciousness, in the cold hour of dawn, he found himself so securely bound that movement was impossible, and so well gagged that he could utter no sound.

He did not doubt that his assailant—no amateur in violence—was a confederate of the woman he had so nearly abducted. He had been incredibly stupid to be so rash. It had always been with him that a woman made him banish his caution. There was the male attitude to dazzle the woman which had been his ruin ere this.

He saw before him only immitigable disaster. While he was lying amid cabbages, the house was being robbed which he had been engaged to protect. He would be blamed for being a bad detective when he had desired to be a successful thief.

Thorpe called up Regan at the garage.

"The two dogs have been poisoned," he announced, "and it's my belief burglars did it. You'd better search the grounds while I go through the house."

Rousing the footman, Thorpe examined the unoccupied rooms carefully and found nothing to alarm him. At any moment he expected to come upon the vigilant Yeatman, whose absence was probably of a nature to be accounted for. Soon the business of the household began.

It was Payson Grant who had the most vivid shock. He awoke at nine, the better for a deep sleep. Those late hours, he thought, played the deuce with him. Hereafter he would retire reasonably early.

He was making new resolutions with all the reckless abandon of an insincere man, when he perceived a folded piece of paper just inside his door. Idly he stooped down and picked it up. He knew in a moment that angular and unmistakable writing. Few knew so well as he the signature whose forgeries had helped to send Sutton to Sing Sing. Grant sank into a low chair and read the message:

"Do not think, because I have so far kept out of sight, that I am out of reach. I am nearer than you imagine. There are bad days coming for you. F. W. S."

Payson Grant was oppressed with a sense of physical fear that overpowered any emotion he had before experienced. He had guarded himself with the utmost care and yet Sutton must have been within a few feet of him as he slept. But for the bolts of fine steel securing the door he would have been killed. Even now the convict might be outside. The cunning criminal would devise just such a plan, hoping to get his man as he rushed out to summon help.

The other door in the room led to a dressing-room beyond which was Natica's suite. Perhaps, even now, Sutton was crouching there ready for vengeance.

He took up the telephone and spoke with Thorpe.

"Send Mr. Yeatman here immediately," he commanded. He had been a fool not to tell the detective about Frank Sutton. What was the guarding of the jewels of his guests compared with his own safety? Yeatman's very presence would bring comfort.

"Mr. Yeatman is not in the house, sir," Thorpe answered him. "His bed has not been occupied. The grounds are being searched now."

"Why?" Grant asked. It seemed odd that before he had told Thorpe he wanted Yeatman a search had been begun.

"The two dogs were poisoned last night," Thorpe answered, "and I suspected burglars."

"Have you looked through the house thoroughly?" Grant was distracted at the news.

"I went into every room where guests were not sleeping. Nothing seemed disturbed. I don't think they got in."

"Yes, they did, you d—d fool," shouted his frightened employer. He hung up the instrument with hands that trembled. What folly for this smug butler to assume there had been no prowlers inside the house. The death of the dogs showed calculated malice. While Yeatman absented himself, a potential murderer had stalked the quiet corridors. It did not occur to Grant that the detective had been attacked. He was used to regarding the police and their allies as resolute men from whom criminals fled.

He wanted to talk to Natica, but between them was the dressing-room



Between Them Was the Dressing-room Whose Door He Dared Not Open.

whose door he dared not open. He called up Thorpe again. "Come to my room at once," he commanded.

"Look here," he began, taking no notice of the butler's aloof manner, "you were wrong about thinking nobody got in last night. They did. I've proof of it. I want every place searched thoroughly." Grant pointed to the door of the dressing-room. "Just take a look in there and see if the window was forced." His fingers closed around the butt of his revolver in the dressing-gown pocket as the man flung open the door.

"Everything seems all right, sir," Thorpe reported.

"You are sure the dogs were poisoned?"

"Yes, sir," Thorpe answered, "and I'd like to get my hands on the men who did it."

"Well, keep a sharp lookout and you may get the chance. Keep everything as quiet as you can till Yeatman comes, and then send him to me."

Thorpe took his stately leave of the frightened man and met the housekeeper in the passage outside the room.

"It's a funny thing," she remarked, "but Mademoiselle Dupin has gone and her bed hasn't been slept in. All her things are gone, and I found this note on a table in the hall; it's her writing."

Natica was surprised at her husband's visit. She was uneasy when she heard of Yeatman's absence, and startled when she learned of the death of the dogs. Had she taken the detective too much on trust, she wondered.

"I don't think you need be alarmed about that. He'll come back."

"That's the least of my troubles," he said gloomily. "Just read that."

"It certainly looks like Frank's writing," she exclaimed.

"It is his writing," he declared "Could I be mistaken? He pushed it under the door while I was lying there asleep. My God! Nat, don't you see how close we've been to murder? He must have stood there in the dead of the night trying to pick the lock. I shouldn't have stood a chance. You know how strong the brute is!"

"Well, we're not murdered," she said soothingly.

"And he's not caught. Something's got to be done. What are our precautions worth if he can get in and threaten me in my own house?"

She broke off to answer the telephone. When she put it down he could see she had received disturbing news.

"What is it?" he demanded eagerly.

"I don't understand it at all," she said, frowning. "Mademoiselle Dupin has gone. Miss Brewen is sending up a note she thinks Mademoiselle wrote and left on a hall table."

"My God!" her husband cried. "More mystery. First Yeatman, and now the French woman. Odd she had to go off like that. By heck, Nat, perhaps she cleared out with Yeatman He wasn't American born."

He saw his wife turn pale. The thought horrified her. For if these two had gone it meant that they had succeeded in robbing some of Natica's guests. So humiliated did she feel that Payson Grant found himself bundled from the room.

At breakfast the talk was of politics. None had heard of the dead dogs, or were sufficiently interested in the accountant to mention him.

Anthony Trent was down. He wanted to know if Yeatman had been found, what effect Sutton's threat had had upon Grant, and if Mademoiselle Dupin's departure had caused comment. But he got no satisfaction at breakfast. There was a furtive, crafty look about his host, who had evidently steeled himself to betray a jovial heartiness which tasked his energies to enact.

Most of the ladies remained in their rooms. Few of them were slim, and the no-breakfast fad appealed to them as the logical thing. They were all charmed at receiving visits from pretty Natica Grant.

Natica went from the room of the last one of these estimable women, breathing sighs of relief. She had inspected the jewel-cases of them all, and not a piece was missing The elopement theory was worth considering after all; Mr. Yeatman might still be guiltless of theft, no matter how careless in matters of the heart.

It was at high noon a gardener discovered Pierre Redlich. The Grants were favored with luck. The guests had gone to the Allenhurst Casino to hear the band.

When the detective had recovered from his cramp, and his bruises and scratches had been dressed, he gave a graphic description to his employer. Suspecting that strangers were in the grounds, he had crept quietly along the silent paths, only to run into several evil men. His fight had been heroic. In the end he had been beaten by numbers and thrown over the wall. There was one tall man, a giant, who had been particularly active.

To Payson Grant's ears this could mean only Sutton. Sutton was a big man. He was doubly certain now Yeatman begged to be allowed to snatch a few hours of sleep before he took his tasks up again.

"That's a great relief," Natica said when he had gone.

"I don't see it," Grant said crossly. "I don't believe Frank ever got in this house at all."

"I'd know his writing anywhere," her husband said stubbornly. "I tell you, Nat, I can feel him here. This thing is going to drive me crazy."

She looked at him impatiently. Man had always seemed to Natica the inferior sex.

"Don't let it make you stupid tonight when the Bixels come to dinner."

"I'm mighty glad it isn't a costume dance," he commented. "I'll swear if it were he'd manage to get in somehow. It's no good calling me down. I'm not built for this sort of life. I don't mind a fight if I've got to get into one. It's the suspense that gets me. That chateau scheme of yours begins to sound pretty good to me. I think I ought to get away for a bit of a change."

"You take it too much to heart. That letter was sent to frighten you, and you're playing his game by being so scared. He can't possibly be anywhere near us."

Under her influence Payson grew more cheerful. He envied her the courage she always showed. At luncheon none would have guessed that she had a care in the world. Natica had declared he was out of danger; insensibly he began to incline to her belief. The presence of other men heartened him, and the cocktails had brought him courage. He hoped there would be no mention of crime during the meal. Trent brought up the subject.

"I haven't noticed the dogs today," he observed. "Usually they look through the windows as we are eating."

Mr. Gimbert could not hold back his direful news.

"Some scoundrel poisoned them in the night. Looks like the work of a gang of crooks to me."

"I'm glad it's nothing so alarming," Natica said. "A careless gardner is to blame. He put poisoned beans in the moles' runs."

"Dogs don't eat beans," said old Gimbert.

"It was the poisoned moles they ate," Natica said, explaining.

Brewster loudly decried the notion of airedales eating dead moles.

"This," said Brewster, conscious that he held the table, "this is just what I have been expecting. If my worthy host and I were in the burglary business we should mark down just such a house as this."

"Nonsense," Grant exclaimed crossly.

"We certainly should," Brewster retorted. "The loot is right here. Last night when I looked round the table I said, 'This place is a magnet that will attract high-grade crooks.' Killing the dogs is the first precaution. Very likely they were scared away before they could get in. Does that mean they've given us up? Not by a long shot. They imagine that we shan't expect them tonight because they failed last night. Ladies and gentlemen, tonight's the night."

"You're crazy," Grant declared rudely.

"I think it's good reasoning," Anthony Trent remarked.

"Well, I'll be there," said old Gimbert. "You can count on me. While some of these lily-fingered experts here were at grammar school, I was trailing Geronimo. Many an Apache I've killed. As for these society burglars, I'd eat 'em up."

"What can be more reassuring than that?" Grant said. He was making an effort to seem at ease. "Godfather, you're elected to patrol the main corridors tonight. You punch the clock at eight and knock off when the help gets up."

"Sure," said Gimbert. "I'll do it rather than let the ladies get nervous." He turned to Anthony Trent "What about you, young fellow?"

"I'll watch outside," said Trent. "I've a grudge of my own against dog-poisoners."

"Fine," said Grant heartily. This program suited him. "I'll call your bluff on that."

Things were turning out very well for Anthony Trent. It would create no astonishment or suspicion now if he were to be seen prowling about the grounds He believed, with Brewster, although he had private information which the other did not possess, that Pierre Redlich would make his raid tonight.

"This talk is making the ladies nervous," Grant declared. "If burglars come we shall be ready for them; but it's a million to one they won't come. For heaven's sake, let's talk about something else."

(Continued Tuesday)

German pianos, we are told, have been hard hit. This has occurred in our own hearing.—Punch.

As we undersand it, France and Great Britain are agreeable to any limitations proposal that will leave France with the largest Army and Great Britain with the largest Navy. —Judge.

"Germania Earning Place in History by What She Did to Mark", reads a magazine head-line. But we doubt if she can oust Cleopatra from that particular niche.—Council Bluffs Nonpareil.



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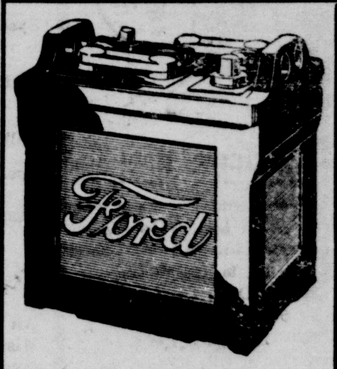
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Last Day Sat. Dec. 8th

To those who are not prepared to do all their shopping at this immediate time we suggest you take advantage of our helpful and convenient lay - away plan. Choose your item, pay a small amount down and a small amount periodically until wanted. There is no extra charge for this service.

Come prepared to do your Xmas shopping at savings that will amaze you Hurry and take advantage of these wonder values.

The store with the Xmas spirit. Shop now while the selections are complete. Extra salespeople, extra wrappers to give you prompt service.

Our Tremendous Buying Power
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Sikeston, Missouri -:- Store No. 6

Appreciation—Dollar Day

In appreciation of the wonderful and gratifying response the Value Lovers of Sikeston and surrounding country have shown in the past few days—we are continuing our Special Offering. Attend our Appreciation Dollar Day—it will more than repay you. Save nearly half on your Christmas Gifts and necessities—Remember—Saturday is the last day.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th

Misses' Silk Dresses
in Brown and Striped Cashmered. Sizes 8 to 16. $3.9 2 pairs. **$2.50**

MEN'S AND BOYS' GLOVES
Men's Brown Jersey Gloves; Special **15c**

WOOL SOX
Men's Extra Heavy Wool Finished Sox **10c**

Millinery
Values to $3.95 Appreciation Special Choice of the House. . . **$1.00**



New snappy colors and smart styles—every head size—every new color. Hurry down while they last. Worth many dollars more than our Appreciation price.

58-in. Wide TABLE DAMASK
Just in time for the holiday festivuties; stock up now at this extraordinary price, in white and some with colored borders. Dollar Day's Special, 2 yards **$1.00**

Boys' Long Pants
in flat crepe, some Velvet trimmed 6 to 14 all colors . . **$5.95**

CHILD'S GOWNS
Sizes 6 to 14
Made of extra heavy fleecy outing, full cut, beautifully made and a wonderful value. Greener's Dollar Days Special, 2 for **$1.00**

BABY BATH ROBES
Made of the famous Edmonds Bunny cloth in white, blue and pink Makes an ideal gift. Dollar Day Special **$1.00**

BOYS' GAUNTLET GLOVES
Made of heavy Brown Jersey with gauntlets trimmed in with stars and tassels **25c**

40-in Wide SATIN DE CHENE
Extraordinary you'll say this special lot Sells regularly for $1.25, worth double. Our Dollar Day's Special price of, yard **$1.00**

MISSES' HOSE
Regular 25c ribbed sport hose, a remarkable value without a doubt, you'll say, in peach and nude. Sizes 5½ to 9½. 5 pairs for **$1.00**

BOY'S SHIRTS
Every new pattern, full cut, made just like dad's. Sizes 8 to 12 in broadcloths, blue chambray and fancy broadcloths, for Dollar Day's Special, 2 for **$1.00**

Dollar Day Special
A regular $1.75 value
6 Cups, 6 Saucers, 6 Plates, all for **$1.00**

81x90 SEAMLESS SHEETS
A regular $1.00 value, these beautiful high quality seamless sheets, offered for Dollar Days only, 3 for **$2.00**

WOOL SERGE
36in Wide
Beautiful high grade smooth finish all-wool serges in blacks and blues only. A sensational offering for Dollar Days. Special, 3 yards for **$1.00**

LADIES' RIBBED RAYON HOSE
You must see these beautiful hose to appreciate an extraordinary value. Dollar Day's Special 3 pairs **$1.00**
In all the newest colors; all sizes



COATS Dresses
For Dollar Day Special

$16.50 Dresses $-Day Special **$12.75**
$9.95 Dresses $-Day Special **$6.95**
$5 95 Dresses $-Day Special **$3.95**

Just received a new shipment of extraordinary beautisul coats. The newest of colors and pretty styles, in 3 bargain groups; Special for Dollar Days—
$5 $5.95 $19.95
SEE THESE BEFORE YOU BUY



LADIES' SILK HOSE
3 Pairs for $1.00
Ladies' beautiful rayon hose, silk from top to beautiful. They won't toe, sheer, clear and last long at this amazing price, 3 pairs for **$1.00**

66x80 BLANKETS
Genuine Nashua part wool double blankets in the newest and most beautiful plaids. All the most beautiful colors. Offered Specia for Dollar Days, first pair for $3.95, second pair for **$1.00**

LUMBERJACKS
Men's heavy fleeced lined coat style Lumberjacks, in grey mixtures, blacks and browns. Sizes 36 to 46 Worth double. Dollar Day's Special **$1.45**

LADIES' BLACK JERSEY GLOVES
Dollar Days Special **15c**

LADIES' KNIT GOLF GLOVES
Dollar Day's Special **15c**

COTTON SERGES
30 inches wide. Ideal for school dresses, and many other necessities where the finer quality materials are needed in blue, brown, red, navy and black, 7 yard for **$1.00**

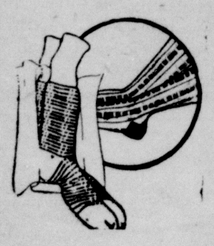
40-in. Wide WASHABLE CREPE
That sells regularly for $1.45 and more offered for Dollar Day's If you are an economy and bargain lover you must hurry and get your share. Special, yard **$1.00**

54x72 BLANKETS
Offer extraordinary. Read this over carefully. You pay $1.49 for the first pair of these heavy blankets, you get the second pair for **$1.00**

BOYS' SLIP-OVER SWEATERS
Regular $2.50 value. Sizes 28 to 34 **$1.00**

MEN'S WINTER CAPS
In black plush. Regular $1.00 value. Saturday Special **50c**

BOYS' LUMBERJACKS
Heavy fleeced lumberjacks, in all the newest solid colors, in reds, browns and blues Sizes 28 to 34, Dollar Day's Special **$1.00**



MEN'S HOSE
Men's extra fine quality mercerized hose. Our regular 25c seller. All colors. Sizes 9 1-2 to 11. While they last, Dollar Day's Special— 5 pairs for **$1.00**

RAYON BLOOMERS
An ideal gift for the Miss. These beautiful rayon bloomers, a practical and likewise economical gift. Dollar Day's Special, 2 pairs **$1.00**

DISHES—
Complete set of aluminum dishes. A wonderful value. **25c, 50c $1.00**

GYPSY WAGONS
A dandy Xmas gift, a fine toy. Special **$1.00**

HORNS
5c, 10c, 15c
Let the youngsters celebrate with these well built horns, in all colors.

Get Him a HAY WAGON for Xmas
Many joyful hours of fun. Special **50c**

HAY CART
A fine toy for a fine boy or girl **25c**

BLACKBOARDS
Educational as well as playful. A sensible and practical gift. Special 50c and **$1.00**

CRADLES
Get her a cradle for her dolly and make her happy. Special **50c**

All steel skates, roller bearing, worth double this Holiday Special Pair **$1.00**

SUITCASES
Minature suitcases for the kiddies. A fine gift for Xmas **25c**

KIDDIE CAR
Steel construction and rubber tired, a gift that will bring many happy days to the youngsters, Special **$1.98**

LAUNDRY SETS
Tub and Board Sets made just like the big ones in every detail— **25c and 50c**

TOYLAND

Metal Chairs	10c
Toy Hatchets	1c
Toy Hammers	5c and 10c
Hand Trucks	25c
Wheel Barrows	25c
Carts	25c
Wagons	25c. $1.00, $1.95
Stuffed Dogs	50c
Stuffed Cats	50c
Bells	2 for 5c, 5c and 10c
Football	25c
Tub and Wash Board	10c
Rattles	10c
Delivery Wagons	25c
Water Pistols	10c
Pistols and Guns	15c, 25c, 50c
Air Rifles	$1.00
Coaches	10c
Autos	10c
Scuttle and Shovel	10c
Chimes	10-25c and 50c
Roll Chimes	50c
Wreaths	5-10 and 25c
A. B. C. Blocks	10c and 25c
Jack in Box	5c and 10c

Doll Beds	10c
Croquet Sets	10c
Telephones	10c
Pan Rattles	10c
Doll Furniture	$1.00
Bow and Arrow	25c and 50c
Dump Cars	39c
Wrecker Cars	39c
Joy Line Special Train	75c
Doll Houses	75c
Train	50c
Wild Fireman	50c
Hy-Low	75c
Sky Bend Flier	$1.00
Busses	39c
Xmas Snow	5c
Icicles	5c
Holiday Grass	10c
Xmas Greeting Cards	5c
Sand Crane	$1.00
Fire Engine	$1.00
Big Highway Busses	$1.00
Roadster Cars	$1.00
Hook and Ladder Engines	$1.00
Saving Banks	25c

SCOOTERS
Extra strong in construction, rubber tired a wonderful Greener Special— **$1.49**

TELEPHONES
Get the youngsters a telephone. They love to imitate the grown-ups. Greener's Special **10c 25c 50c**

BABY AND BASKET
A dandy combination and a fine gift for the little Miss. Special. **$1.00**

SCOOTERS
Groupe No. 2, a sensible Xmas gift and inexpensive. Special **$1.00**

FOOTBALLS
Just the thing for the outdoors. Boy! They hide and can stand are made of heavy cow many hard knocks. Special, 25 and **$1.00**

MAYONNAISE SETS
A Xmas gift suggestion. Special, set **$1.00**

EXPRESS WAGON
An Extra Special value. A dandy Xmas gift. Special **50c**

WAGONS
For the larger boys well made, finished in red. A dandy as well as useful gift. Special **$1.98**

WAGONS
for the Play Boy
In fine red and well made, can stand lots of hard wear **$1.00**

BABY CHAIRS AND BABY ROCKERS
Made to stand abuse painted red, an ideal gift for the little ones Your choice, each **75c**

MEN'S UNIONS
Men's fleece lined extra heavy and fine ribbed unions. A union you would have to pay lots more for, offering Special for Dollar Days only. While they last, in ecru and random; all sizes, 98c, 3 for **$2.75**

LARGE MAMMA DOLL
This doll is almost lifelike. Beautifully dressed in pretty styles. A delight to any child. Nice size. Special for Saturday. **$1.00**

SHEEP LINED COATS
A value that is hard to duplicate at many dollars more than our Special offering price, well made and nealty tailored, guaranteed to keep cut any cold, will make a wonderful gift Special **$7.35**



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Ideal Gift Suggestions. 3 for **$1.00**

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LIONS TO SPONSOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Harry Young, Dr. H. E. Reuber and Charles Blanton, Jr., were appointed members of a Lions Club Committee to raise funds for the annual Lions Club Christmas entertainment, if possible, through a benefit Sunday motion picture show.

The committee will get in touch with Mr. McCutcheon at Blytheville, Ark., and work out details of the proposal regarding the type and cost of the picture, the date and price. Lyle Malone was appointed chairman of the committee on ticket sales, and was empowered to select his own committee.

The Club seemed to feel that, public sentiment permitting this plan of promoting a benefit movie would not work to the detriment of anyone, and would be a splendid opportunity to finance another Christmas entertainment. It will be recalled that last year the Lions Club raised enough funds to distribute a great number of baskets of food, and several car loads of toys, clothing and shoes to the poor. The theatre management would not derive any part of the proceeds outside of the actual expense of the picture and the necessary labor at the theatre. This of course is still hypothetical and will require Mr. McCutcheon's approval before it can be promoted by the Club.

The Lions also heard a report of the sign committee, who were empowered at a previous meeting to build and erect a sign after their own plans at the intersection of South Kingshighway and Highway 61. The Club was told that the 12x24 foot sign had been completed, and that an outline of the cut-off and the junction with Highway 60 had been painted in one corner of the board, and that the sign would be erected soon.

A letter from H. A. Hill of the department of Lions Club activities was read at the Thursday luncheon meeting. Mr. Hill suggested certain activities of the Club especially with regard to changing certain phases of the parking law in favor of encouraging tourist traffic stop over and shop in Sikeston. He also recommended that the Club advise certain property owners about the appearance of their property along the highway.

MRS. CUNNINGHAM IMPROVES

Mrs. Arthur Cunningham was "'getting along fine", according to a report received at the office at five o'clock Thursday evening. It had been reported that Mrs. Cunningham had taken a number of bichloride tablets Sunday morning, climaxing a long illness. Bichloride of mercury is a long-acting poison and is usually fatal in from eight to ten days. However, in this case, an antidote against the poison was administered within a half hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Van Horne spent from Thursday until Sunday in St. Louis.

Mrs. C. Carew and children and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Branum spent Thanksgiving Day with Mrs. Earl Weeks of New Madrid. Mrs. Weeks is a sister of Mrs. Carew and Mr. Branum.

KENNETT ACCEPTS BUCKEYE CO. PLAN

The City Council of Kennett, in a session, postponed from Tuesday until Wednesday night, agreed to accept a contract between the Buckeye Machinery Co. and the City, and sent the revised papers to the said company, whose attorneys and engineers will now reconsider the contract from the company's standpoint.

Mayor N. E. Fuchs, C. E. Felker, J. F. Cox and J. H Hayden met with the Council and conferred with E. L. Miller, representative of the machine company in regards to the proposition. Mayor Fuchs, in explaining the contract Thursday morning, said that under the present contract approved by the City, Kennett is not obligated in any way. The company requires no cash outlay whatsoever. The Buckeye company will build a building, install the plant, and receive its payments from the profits of the venture. After the plant has paid for itself, the equipment will be formally turned over to the city, and in case the proposition fails, the company is to stand the loss and remove the plant. There would be no rate reduction under the present contract, and the city is bound by contract to use the municipal plant for street lighting and pumping water, but is obligated in no other way, acording to Mayor Fuchs.

If the management of the municipal plant takes the precaution to build up a maintenance fund, dictated by any good business policy, the venture should eventually prove beneficial to the City of Kennett. It is true that rates will not be reduced at once, and perhaps never, but if consumers have their choice of paying the profits to themselves in a municipal plant, and of utilizing the money thus derived for city improvements instead of paying out the same amount of money to a foreign utilities company and deriving no excess benefit, it is believed they will grasp the opportunity of "swapping dollars" with themselves and of gaining thereby in reduced taxes for municipal improvements.

'29 GRID SCHEDULE OPENS WITH UNION CITY, TENN.

The season opener on next Fall's football schedule calls for a game with Union City, Tenn., to be played on the home gridiron on October 4. The contract with the Tennessee squad calls for a return engagement at Union City the year following.

Bulldog gridders face an extra heavy assignment throughout the season, with only one snap game and that with Charleston on Turkey Day here. The full schedule follows:

OCTOBER—
4—Union City, Tenn. here.
11—Pleas' Malcolm's team, here.
18—Charleston Blue Jays, here.
25—Malden Green Wave, here.

NOVEMBER—
1—Poplar Bluff Mules, there.
8—Cape Girardeau Tigers, here.
15—Jackson Indians, there.
Thanksgiving Day—Charleston Jays, here.

The U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. Moore Greer Thursday afternoon, December 13 with Mrs. W. T. Marshall of Charleston as hostess. Mrs. Effie Hunter will be leader for the afternoon.

NOTICE to Business Men

December 7th.

The undersigned committee of the C of C will meet the business men and others interested in securing an additional night policeman, in the C of C Hall at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon,

If no interest in this matter is shown by the business men of this town, no further consideration of the matter will be given.

C. H. Denman
J. H. Hayden
Chas. Hebbeler

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS
STOP and SHOP at THE WINCHESTER STORE
The National Chain of 6,400 Stores Individually Owned

FOR ALL AMERICA
The Greatest Holiday Gift Event

The National distribution of America's Largest Hardware Organization makes possible these and many other outstanding values in practical gifts.

No. 928—Nickel-plated Alarm Clock 89c
No. W1104—7-inch Winchester Stainless Butcher Knife. 98c
No. W762—Winchester Stainless Slicer 69c
No. 12PP—Glass Ovenware Pie Plate 69c

BARGAINS GALORE AT THE WINCHESTER STORE

GIVE WINCHESTER— The Best in Skating Equipment
No. 7861KL—Ladies' or 7861KM Men's Winchester Tubular Style; complete; the pair $6.48
No. 6213KL—Ladies' or 6213KM Men's Winchester Hockey model; complete, the pair $4.49
No. 6121—Winchester Special Clamp Skates; the pair $1.50

THE KING OF THE SIDEWALK
Swift as a Motor Car — Sturdy as a Truck
This Junior Bike is an unusual value. Bicycle construction—2¼ inch tires—1-inch tubular steel frame—16-inch front and rear wheels.
No. V78 $13.50

FOR THE NATION'S BOYS
Winchester leadership makes possible this great value
$1.98 Cowhide Football

No. W50 $3.00 Winchester finest quality iron. Beautifully finished wrinkle-proof — Heats to the point. Standard 6-lb. size.

No. W6 $7.50 Winchester Percolator, 6 cup size—The patented construction assures delicious coffee.

No. W34 $6.00 Winchester Toaster quickly toasts, crisp brown slices—standard size especially designed.

IT'S TIME TO BUY HIM A WATCH
Standard $1.50 value. Highly recommended for boys and sportsmen. 89c

AGAIN! THE WINCHESTER STORE LEADS IN VALUE
Card Table — A practical gift for the home. For parties, luncheons, and many other occasions.
No. BT12 $1.98
This attractive mahogany finished, rigid, folding table is most useful. Standard 30-inch size Winchester special gift offer.

The Greatest Boy's Gift
No. 628 $1.19
Boy's sturdy Outing Knife—made from extra quality steel.

Flashlights and Batteries
No. W25D—W2MD—W2FD
Built by Winchester for years of service; complete with batteries.

Gift Pocket Knives
No. W12P $1.75
Winchester, extra quality; beautiful patterns, pearl handles. Values up to $4.00. Christmas special.

America's Foremost Sled Value
Steering accuracy, light weight, sturdiness and good looks.
No. 1868—Size 42-inch $1.98

OUR EXTRAORDINARY CHRISTMAS SPECIAL
Beautify — Decorate
No. 100 $1.49
Eight beautifully colored genuine Masda Christmas tree lights, completely assembled—with special plug for connecting several sets.
No. MAC Extra Lamps Each 10c

STOP AND SHOP
Ideal Gift for Mother
$1.39 No. 628 7-Inch
At 6400 Winchester stores these unusual values in finest quality shears are on display

Wonderful Value
$1.79 No. SCS
Convenient, economical and quick way to clean rugs and carpets; rubber tired, reversible handle, complete with bumpers.

OUR OPENING GIFT SALE SPECIAL
Jar of Joy — Delicious Fruit Flavors — No. 1HC 1 pound Jar
Xmas Candy! Good to the Last Piece
39c
The extremely low price on this special Christmas Candy is made possible by National Distribution.

COME IN TO-DAY
Winchester Coaster
No. WS1 $5.98
The National standard—Ask the boy who owns one. Special steel construction, Balloon tires, size 14 x 34 "As Good as the Gun."

WAFFLE SET FREE
$12.00 No. W36WS
Attractive 4-piece waffle set FREE with each Winchester waffle iron.

MILES OF SMILES ON WINCHESTER SKATES
No. 3831 BOYS' $1.79
No. 3832 GIRLS' $1.89
Girls and boys recognize Winchester as America's leading skate—built for speed—extra sturdy—a whale of a value.

AMERICA'S ACKNOWLEDGED LEADER
No. 5001 $5.50
Winchester now offers this high grade, 22 caliber rifle, at an amazingly low price—18-inch blued steel barrel—Shoots shorts, long and long rifle cartridges.

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DO YOUR GIFT SHOPPING EARLY

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THE WINCHESTER STORE

MRS. D. S. MATTHEWS DIES AFTER ACCIDENT IN ST. LOUIS

Mrs. Daisy S. Matthews of 5455 Delmar boulevard, wife of Allen J. Matthews, an auditor for the Missouri Pacific Railroad, was fatally injured at 8:25 o'clock last night, when she was struck at Delmar boulevard and De Baliviere avenue by an automobile driven by Bernard Hysinger, 20, of 7274 Maryland avenue, University City. She died at 10 o'clock at St. Luke's Hospital.

Mrs. Matthews was crossing De Baliviere from east to west when she was run down. Hysinger said he was driving west in Delmar and made a left-hand turn into De Baliviere. He said he did not see Mrs. Matthews, and only knew of the accident when he felt a jar.

Mrs. Matthews was taken to St. Luke's Hospital by police. At the hospital it was said she hda suffered a fracture of the spine, fractures of several ribs, a broken left ankle and numerous cuts.

Besides her husband, who is said to be out of the city, Mrs. Matthews is survived by a daughter, Miss Helen Matthews, a student at the University of Missouri.

Mrs. Matthews will be remembered as a frequent Sikeston visitor with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore Greer and family were guests at a family dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Marshall at 6 o'clock Thanksgiving Day at Charleston.

HEADLINE IN ST. LOUIS PAPER GIVES WRONG IMPRESSION ON BANK FAILURE

Both editions of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat of December 5 and 6, carried a misleading headline over the recent bank failure here. The headline reads: "Directors Close Bank of Sikeston", even though the Associated Press story carries out the idea correctly, saying that the Peoples Bank of Sikeston had been forced to close its doors.

Anyone acquainted with the workings of a large city daily will understand how the unintentional mistake occurred. There is just one chance in a thousand that such a headline written to fit one story, within the limits of a certain style head, would create misunderstanding by fitting another case, but this is the one-thousandth case.

No matter where the blame lies, it is a serious matter to charge failure to any bank.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Simmons and Alvin Taylor drove to New Madrid Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Tanner and Mrs. A. C. Barrett drove to St. Louis for a few days' visit this week. They will return today (Friday).

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marshall, Mrs. O. U. Marshall and Dr. Howell of Colorado Springs, Colo., were dinner and overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Moore Greer last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Greer joined them at dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Marshall Sunday.

WHIZ BANG STORE WILL HAVE GRAND OPENING SAT

Louis Shainberg treasurer of the Whiz Bang Stores, Inc., joined J. E. Morris, district field manager of the corporation and Jeff Meyer, local manager, Thursday and remained here to supervise the opening day preparations.

Work on the modern display windows is rapidly being finished, and a large sales force has been employed in preparation for the big opening sale Saturday.

Mesdames Earl Arthur of Poplar Bluff, Orlando Arthur and Miss Helen Welsh will drive to St. Louis Sunday for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Anderson of Commerce were supper and overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Applegate, Wednesday veening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Branum and Miss Lula Murriel drove to Hugnes, Ark., Saturday, returning Sunday night. They were accompanied home Mrs. Branum's brother, Henry Muriel.

Mr. Robert Streeter of Memphis, Tenn., and Mrs. Marie Thompson were married November 29 by Rev. S. P. Brite at the Brite residence. They will make their home in this city.

Mrs. Lyman Bowman entertained last Saturday evening, complimenting Miss Clara Lindley, who will be leaving for a visit to California, in the near future. Miss Camile Klein entertained Tuesday evening and Mrs. Charles Lindley entertained Thursday evening for Miss Lindley.

BUS WRECKS FORD AND INJURES DRIVER

D. L. McElroy, of the Hughes & McElroy Furniture Co., on North Kingshighway, suffered cuts and bruises and his Ford touring car was wrecked, when he drove in front of a Eastbound Scoffield bus, shortly after noon Tuesday. Three passengers on the bus, bound for Cairo, Ill., and the driver, Roy Deline said that Mr. McElroy drove across the tracks and was on Malone Avenue without attempting to stop or slow down. They reported him going about 35 miles per hour when the bus crashed into the side of the car. Mr. McElroy, who was taken to the hospital immediately after the accident, could not tell how it happened.

"I was going home for dinner", he said, "and was driving south on South Prairie street. I crossed the intersection and the next thing I knew, I was up in the air". The impact hurled him clear of the wreck, whether through the windshield or through the side curtains, it is not known; but a patch of skin on the radiator leads to the conclusion that he was thrown through the broken windshield and out over the front of his car. He escaped with several severe scratches and cuts on his left arm, a facial wound and a wrenched back.

The Ford was hit from the front door back. The whole right side is caved in, running board and fender smashed and every spoke was broken out of the rear right wheel. The blow split the axel housing and probably sprung the frame. McElroy had just recently had his car overhauled, and it was fixed for the winter with a new top and new side curtains and a new front spring. A wrecker towed the remains to Matthews Garage.

The bus proceeded on to Cairo after names and addresses of the three passengers had been taken. The Charleston office was notified of the accident.

Miss Lucille Finley had the following young ladies for dinner Sunday: Misses Alice McKarney of Kennett,

CAGE WORK STARTS AT LOCAL H. S. COURT

With two letter men of the last season back around which to build his basketball squad, Coach Whitmer is holding sessions regularly on the local court in order to build up the rest of his squad. Capt. Leonard Watson, forward of last season and Weldon McDorald are the men who won letters in the sport last year. The other three regulars must come from the following crop of prospects: J. H. and Anderson Hayden, Garth Doss and J. F. Cox, who participated in the '27-'28 games, and from the following who have turned out for practice this fall: Douglas Nichols, Emory Rose, Standford Jones, Billy Fox, Tom Lancaster, Conley Purcell, Bob Mow, Jr., Rudel Daniels, Paul Crain, Shelburn Brewer and Earl Keller.

Nell Littleton, star on the girls' team last season, will be captain this year. Miss Lottie Dover, coach, has eight other prospective players from which to pick her starting quintet against Bloomfield next Friday: Helen Baker, C. Trousdale, M. Baker, Margaret Whidden, Lillian Reiss, Gladys Conley, Imogene Albritton and Evangeline Gillian. Both squads are showing considerable strength in pre-season practice and should develop some real opposition for any visitors who happen to chance on local ground.

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Quality Prices

CORN-TOMATOES standard 3 for 25c
Peas-GREEN BEANS no. 2 can

Beans Avondale Green Fancy No. 2 can 3 for 35c

Milk Pet Wilson Carnation 3 Large cans 29c Country Club 3 25c

Preserves Assorted Flavors 2 Large Cans 37c

Cakes Coconut Marshmallows per pound 17c

Mixed Nuts per lb. 30c

Dates bulk per lb. 10c

Fruit Cakes 3 lbs. each $1.35; 2 lbs. each 85c

Xmas Candies Cut Rock lb. 16c; Avondale lb. 20c

Layer Figs Per lb. 23c

Stuffed Dates Per lb. 28c

Peanut Brittle lb. 16c

Oranges Calif. 288s 35c; 250s 40c

Grape Fruit 70s 10c

Oleo Wonder Nut, lb. 20c

Butter Country Club Creamery lb. 54c

Flour Country Club Pancake pkg. 10c

Oats Country Club Small pkg. 3 for 28c

Cornflakes Country Club pkg. 10c

Rice bulk, 3lbs. for 20c

Celery per stalk 12½c

Lettuce Iceberg per lb. 10c

Bananas 3 lbs. 25c

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The Standard is firmly convinced that a municipal light plant would be a benefit to Sikeston. Kennett closed a deal this Wednesday night with a machinery company whereby the city would not be obligated in any way financially, and would in the course of time own its own plant. Conditions may be such that a similar proposition will be available for Sikeston, and when the time comes for action, the public should be prepared to express itself favorably or unfavorably through the City Council. It is whispered about that the Utilities Company is about to offer the City a better rate for street lighting and for pumping water. Well and good. Money saved is money earned, but if that commercial rate is possible, perhaps another reduction for home consumption of electricity should be insisted upon. Regardless of that fact, if a thorough consideration of initial and running expenses is considered, and if a municipal plant can operate here at a profit, then we favor such an installation here.

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We regret deeply to chronicle the fact of a bank failure in this city. Adverse criticism directed toward those officers in charge are in a large measure unwarranted. This bank failure, and hundreds of others in similar straights, has been caused by conditions other than man made. Rains, floods, hails—these have played havoc with hundreds of large and small landowners, who find themselves unable to meet their obligations to banks. The land is as valuable as ever, and given two favorable seasons, these same landowners and farmers will again be able to bring their paper to par and above. We hope the reaction will be temporary and that conditions are not as bleak as they seem now.

Columbia, Mo., has passed a blue law against Sunday picture shows which leads us to wonder if the picture show people will see that old blue laws are dragged out in that town and enforced. This law at Columbia means that students of both sexes will take to the highways, byways and road houses, to pass away their time on Sunday. The baggy breeches boys and flapper girls cannot be forced to attend church and the picture show is away ahead of some other kinds of amusements.

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Word from home tells us that our sister, Miss Lillie Blanton, was placed in plaster casts at the Woodland Hospital, Moberly, Mo., to brace her back where she was hurt in a fall. Two bertebra were crushed, but she was cheerful and hopeful.

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Dr. Handy Smith has opened a dental office in the old stand formally occupied by him. He has a new and beautiful equipment and it ought to be a pleasure to sit in the new chair and have a tooth pulled.

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Well, Alden, here's hoping for a few more "pennies"!

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In the president's last message to Congress: "Our foreign relations are peaceful and trustful. To keep them so we need more cruisers". Ye Gods and great chunks of baloney. To keep the baby quiet and restful, give a handful of butcher knives, or a nice basket of lizards.

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Now that the 1928 footbtall season has been put to sleep with some tears and a few regrets and not a few good words, we can now turn our attention to other athletic events at the school. Basketball opens up with both teams in action at Bloomfield in another week, and then the Malden boys and girls will visit us for a go 'round here. A good turn out at the start of the season will mean much for team spirit, interest and incidently also, the finacial success of the season.

Capt. E. T. Wheatley visited with the Howitzer Company of the 140th Infantry of Lutesville Thursday. He was on schedule to take inventory for the organization in the afternoon and to review the company that evening.

Mrs. Loomis Mayfield and son, Loomis, Jr., will go to St. Louis Friday, where they will visit over the week-end with Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Yount.

$2,000,000 PAID UNITED STATES AGENTS AS DRY GRAFT

Detroit, Mich., December 3.—With estimates before it that liquor graft in the customs border patrol service in the Detroit area annually approaches $2,000,000, a Federal grand jury today will resume its investigation in an effort to determine the scope of the alleged corruption.

Thirteen customs inspectors have been arrested thus far on charges of accepting bribes and tributes in a conspiracy to permit wholesale liquor smuggling from Canada. John R. Watkins, United States District Attorney, has estimated that approximately 100 inspectors will be dismissed from the service before the investigation ends and that half of the number of "liquor barons' will be indicted.

Watkins expects it will be necessary to bring a crew of customs agents here from other cities to replace the present patrol.

The grand jury took up the case following arrest of the 13 inspectors on information supplied by undercover investigators. Watkins said 20 to 30 other members of the patrol probably will be indicted. The undercover men were brought here on orders from Washington and their investigation was understood to have been conducted over a period of about eight months.

Six inspectors arrested were said by Federal investigators to have talked "freely" before the grand jury.

The estimate of $2,000,000 in tribute collected annually from liquor runners was based on the statement of Watkins that an average month's split of an individual member of the patrol was $1700 and that approximately 100 men are involved. The estimate is bolstered by previous estimates of prohibition enforcement officials that the liquor smuggling business in Detroit area amounts to approximately $50,000,000 a year.

Summer C. Sleeper, head of the customs patrol forces, was quoted as having stated that tribute has been paid on liquor smuggled into this country across Detroit River.

REHEARSALS CONTINUE

Practice sessions for the presentation of the operetta "The Gypsy Rover" on December 18 by a high school cast of boys and girls are being held nearly every afternoon after school hours. Miss Lillian Shields is director of the production.

AS I SEE IT

By I'm About Town

A "new family" had moved into a neighborhood, and an addition to the city census was expected soon. A kindly woman in the neighborhood dropped in one afternoon and asked whether the prospective mother had prepared the necessary clothing for the addition. The dear little thing came back with: "Why no, I thought they came with the baby".

This did not happen near Sikeston, but it did happen.

Here of late the radio programs sound something like this: This program comes to you through the courtesy of the Amalgamated Dish Rag Manufacutrers. Every time you sideswipe a plate with the improved A & D dish rag, you can think of this remarkable vocal solo. Then your turn the dial. "The Whoozit Washing Machine Company play boys will now entertain you with a few selections. The first number will be the Monday Blues .....(music). Then follow in close procession programs by the Associated Gasket Makers, The Confounded Thimble Trust and the Neverleak Hot Water Bag Makers, and after each presentation, there follows a plea by the announcer for the particular ware. Oh, it's a great life nowadays over the radio.

Rex, one of our paper carriers says, judging from the amount of oil his ma has given him, he ought to be water-proof by now.

We notice that they have started to use the scales of herring for manufacturing "pearl" buttons. Now if some bright fellow will utilize the characteristic herring smell we might be tempted to eat herrings, but that brings up another question. Would a herring be a herring without that herring odor?

Now they have a brother and wife living in an "income" bungalow. Takes all that comes in to keep it up we suppose.

But they can't fool us, the rent goes on just the same, no matter what they call 'em.

A bank closed on account of "frozen" assets, and that same day a cold wave hit the country. Coincidence or consequence?

Something ought to be done about these birds, who approach one with musical "how DO you do's" and the "GOOD mornings", that sound like a combination gargle and an adaptation of a rain crow's yell, or whatever rain crows do.

The longer we stay in the newspaper game, the more we are convinced that you can't please everyone. It's a bitter pill to swallow, but it seems that everyone connected with a paper has a certain amount of hell to catch anyway, so why worry about the kicks.

Ever get a laugh out of the daily news? Consider the case of the California woman who threw an alarm clock at hubby and is now suing for divorce. He wouldn't get up, so she threw the clock at him. She lost a clock and her husband, but she gained her freedom and enough alimony to buy half a dozen more clocks. Not so dumb.

He got a sore head, lost his wife, his clock, his spending money and his temper, and had freedom forced upon himself.

He should be thankful that it wasn't a Big Ben.
Or a grandfather's clock.

The statistics show that most modern men use a safety razor, but how many nowadays have a baby raiser in the house?

There's a time for everything they say, but when the time came, he did not get up so she threw it at him.

The Kansas City Times must have a pretty good judge of editorial material at the head of its Missouri Notes Col. About twice a week, he quotes the Twice-a-week Standard and naturally his col. is much improved thereby. Some of the other contributors get a pretty good break the way things are now with us only producing two sheets a week.

SIKESTON MASONS TO ELECT OFFICERS THURSDAY

The annual election of officers for the coming year in the local chapter of the Masonic Lodge will be held on Thursday night at the Odd Fellows' Hall, in connection with the regular meeting.

John Reiss, who has been critically ill with pneumonia, is reported to be better.

The Wind Up! The Finish! The End!

We have sold during our "Going Out of Business Sale" the greater part of our stock at prices about fifty cents on the dollar. While we have left a number of items of good seasonable merchandise. Yet me cannot afford to continue in business with our stock broken as it is. So the time has arrived for the wind up—the finish— the end! We must get out in the next few days, regardless of the loss it will stand us. Every article in our store is being remarked with prices cut deeper than ever for this—

FINAL DRIVE Starting Saturday December 8th—

every piece of merchandise we have must move and go quick, so it will pay you to come and see for yourself, if we have what you can use, you will be the winner. We cannot go to the expense of getting out a big descriptive sale bill just to let the public know that our goods will go at almost give away prices during the next few days. So a WORD to the WISE is sufficient.

The Mathis Store

Across Street from Old Location Next to Van Dyke Studio

North New Madrid St. Sikeston

POPULATION OF SIKESTON INCREASES BY 2 SINCE TUES.

Nedra Joan Schroff was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lyon Schroff, 205 Kendall St., Tuesday, December 4, and another citizen also a girl, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Beaty on Wednseday December 5. The Beaty girl has not been named. Both daughters and their mothers are getting along fine, according to Dr. G. W. Presnell, the attending physician.

Mrs. Ranney Applegate is expecting her sister, Mrs. C. L. Clary, of St. Louis, to make her a visit this weekend.



MAY VALENTINE
Who is conducting the Orchestra with the charming Operetta "Firefly", by Rudolf Friml composer of "Rose Marie", "The Vagabond King", and "The Three Musketeers".

A "CZAR" FOR AGRICULTURE PROPOSED IN NEW FARM BILL

Washington, December 4.—The new farm bill introduced today by Senator McNary of Oregon provides for a reduction in the proposed federal farm board from twelve to six members.

The chairman of the board is to be appointed by the President, who is to name his salary as well. The salaries of the other five members are fixed at $12,000 annually. The chairman of the board is to be the principal executive officer.

President-elect Hoover is understood to have advanced the proposal for a chairman without salary limit, the purpose being to give the President wide latitude in the selection of a man of known executive ability. It is suggested by persons who were consulted by Senator McNary that the chairman will be much more important to agriculture than the secretary of agriculture.

Mrs. More Greer will entertain the Friday Bridge Club Friday afternoon.

Miss Camile Klein entertained the Tuesday Club at her home Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Slack returned from Vinta, Okla., Thursday, where they had been to attend the funeral of Mrs. Slack's father.

The Young Ladies' Missionary Society of the Christian church met with Mrs. Moore Greer Wednesday evening. The next meeting will be held Wednesday evening, January 9, with Mrs. Camile Stone.

BELL FINED $25 IN PROFFER CASE—JUDGE STAYS JAIL SENTENCE

Charges against Hannibal and Lonnie B. Hunt and Rufus Rasberry, colored youths, who were in court Wednesday, November 28, were dropped; but Judge Myers assessed a fine of $25 and a six-month jail sentence against the oldest member of the quartette, George Bell. George paid his fine and costs and the Judge waived the stay in the holdover.

The boys brought on trouble with Clarence Proffer about a week ago. The latter charged the boys with disturbing the peace and with displaying dangerous weapons on a small road after the boys refused to allow Proffer to pass the boys' wagon in his car.

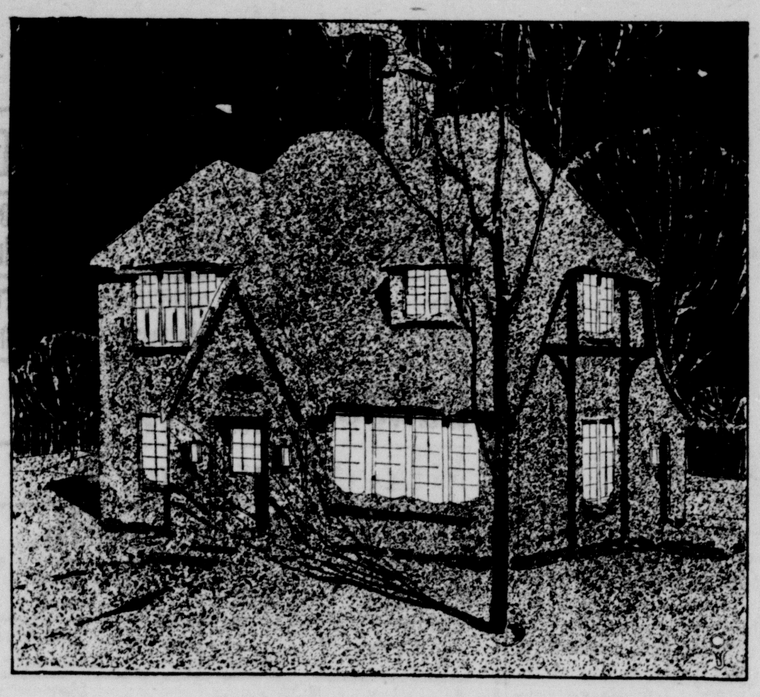
AUXILIARY NOTES

The Auxiliary held their regular meeting with Mrs. E. T. Wheatley on Wednesday evening. The Auxiliary will assist the Legion in sending a Christmas box to one of the Veterans' Hospital and they will also make Christmas bright for one of the Veterans' family in Sikeston.

The Auxiliary selected the flower bed in the southwest corner of the Legion Park and will take charge of same in the spring.

The membership committee reported 24 paid memberships for the year 1929.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. W. A. Anthony on December 19.



A Bright Warm Home

A bright, warm home is well within the reach of all, since any family in town can have plenty of heat by simply calling on the phone, and telling us to send them a load of *Zeigler* coal. We have it in the right grade to fit your needs.

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2 MILES EAST OF COMMERCE ON BENTON ROAD

Thursday, December 13th, 1928

BEGINNING AT NINE O'CLOCK

HOFFMAN & HARMON

NEW MADRID COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

The seed testing service which has been available for the past 3 years to New Madrid County farmers will be continued again this year through the County Extension Agent Scott M. Julian. Farmers who are saving their seed or who intend to buy seed from sources which are not reliable or do not give germination tests are urged to bring or send a small sample to the County Agent's office. The seed will be tested without charge and the farmer notified of the result of the test. In the past, a number of farmers have been saved time and money by learning before hand that the seed that they intended to plant were not of sufficient germination to produce a stand. Maximum yields cannot be secured from inferior seed and even when ones financial condition is at the straining point it is good business to use good seed of a known germination than to take a chance planting seed of an inferior quality or which the germination test is not known.

J. M. Klein, a successful farmer living near Sikeston, secured a perfect stand of sweet clover by using ground limestone. That the stand is due to the application of limestone is made certain by a comparison of a check strip in the same field which did not receive the limestone application with the rest of the field which did. The field has a perfect stand in excellent condition, while the check strip is spotted and unhealthy looking. Mr. Klein states that before he began using limestone he had been unable to secure a stand of sweet clover or alfalfa. The stand would come up and in a few months turn yellow and die out. For the past three years Mr. Klein has been liming approximately 75 acres each year, and has had no difficulty whatever in growing the crop.

He applies the limestone to the land several months before he plants the clover or alfalfa. This gives a sufficient length of time for the limestone to partly dissolve and sweeten the soil. Sometimes he spreads the limestone on a young pea crop in the summer and by fall planting time the land is sufficiently sweet to produce a stand. Anyone interested in the use of ground limestone for the growing of alfalfa or sweet clover, are invited to visit Mr. Klein's farm to see the success that he is making with this practice. Other information may be secured from the County Agent, Scott M. Julian.

It is time now that those farmers intending to plant cotton next spring should be considering the variety they intend to plant, and where they intend to secure the seed. Those men who have seed only one or two years away from pedigreed or certified seed can save theirs at ginning time, others who have kept the seed for several years would be benefited if they would get new seed. Where the seed is saved from the same strain for a number of years, they gradually lose some of their desirable qualities and as some farmers would say 'run out". It is a very good plan to get new seed of a pure bred or certified strani every two or three years.

The varieties recommended for Southeast Missouri, according to County Agent Julian, are Trice and Delfos for the heavier soils, and Acala for the sandier type of soils. The Trice and Delfos are not inclined to make as much foilage as most varieties and can be used on heavy soils without delaying maturity. On the other hand, Acala has a tendency to make heavy foilage and should be used on the lighter type of soils.

LIGHT PLANT IS CLEARED OF INDEBTEDNESS

Poplar Bluff, December 4.—Another record which, it is doubtful, could be equalled by an municipally owned light plant in the United States has recently been made by the Poplar Bluff plant.

In 1927 the city ordered a new 1250-watt turbo electric generator and it was installed and first usde in November of that year. The generator, installed, cost the city $45,000.

A few days ago the Board of Public Works made a final payment of $1,916.66 to the Westinghouse Electric Company, the last payment due on the new equipment.

Every cent of the money paid for the new generator came out of earnings of the plant, and not a dime was derived from any other source. In addition to paying for this $45,000 piece of equipment in one year's time, the plant paid all its other expenses and still has a surplus.

The municipal light plant is a going concern that is making money for the taxpayers every year, and it can easily retire the $225,000 in bonds necessary to build a filtration plant and settling basin without a cent of extra cost to taxpayers or any increase in light or water rates.

NOTICE TO BUSINESS MEN

The undersigned Committee of the Chamber of Commerce will meet the business men and others interested in securing an additional night policeman, in the Chamber of Commerce rooms at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, December 7.

If no interest in this matter is shown by the business men of the town, no further consideration of the matter will be given.

C. H. DENMAN
J. H. HAYDEN
CHAS. HEBBELER

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Mouser returned Sunday from Fredericktown, where they attended the funeral of their niece.

FOUND—A suit case on Highway 61, Sunday. Owner please call 618.

LOST—A Rosary, in a case, in the Legion Park, Sunday. Please return to The Standard office.

A SPRIG OF HOLLY

By BLANCHE TANNER DILLIN

HOLLY and pine wreaths in the windows Christmas greens and tinsel festoons in the shops—streams of shoppers with smiling faces and arms laden with gayly-wrapped parcels—all expressed the happy Christmas spirit.

A mother with a holly wreath in one hand and clasping the hand of a child with the other stopped as the child cried, "Mother, you dropped a piece of holly!"

"Never mind, my dear, we have plenty more," the mother replied as she hurried the child on. And the holly was crushed by the next one.

Nearby a man whose clothes bespoke luxury and ease picked up the little crushed thing and tried tenderly but in vain to smooth out the crumpled leaves. The childhood home of Carter Smith, now wealthy New York broker, had been surrounded by holly trees, with their waxy green leaves and bright red berries, like so many tiny Christmas lights, as he had liked to call them.

There were always garlands of ground pine through the spacious rooms of the old Southern home and holly wreaths in every window. Great fires of fragrant pine roared in the huge fireplaces, filling the rooms with dancing shadows and flickering lights.

Each Christmas morn one was awakened by a black head thrust into the room with the greeting "C'ris'mas gif' Marse Carter," or who ever might be occupying that room. Then the kinfolk arriving all Christmas day with gifts. Then, too, the dances and parties all week until New Year's, were wonderful. That had been years ago, and the intervening years had been too full of other things to even think of those times. It was with shame that he remembered months had elapsed since he had written to his mother, who still lived in the old home. He must go back there some day—then the thought came, "why not go now?"

He thrust the holly into his pocket, hailed a taxi and sped to his hotel, ordered his servant to pack at once—secured train reservation—canceled a house party engagement and was on the midnight train speeding South. In his heart was a song and tucked safely away in his suitcase was the sprig of holly.

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CHRISTMAS CEMENT

By ANNA L. NEWSOM

MOLLIE watched the draymen carrying out the massive furniture and draperies from the apartment below her own.

"How can Alph Cox have such expensive things—working in the same office with Bill—and us—?"

The postman handed Mollie a letter.

"A check from mother for $25. Now I will have that French doll for Betty and the $7.00 train for Harry. Sometimes Bill is downright stingy—and it's Christmas time," said Mollie hurrying to take one more peep at her plum pudding before going to town.

The telephone rang and Mollie heard:

"Oh, didn't you know? He had to leave—spending the firm's money. To Canada, probably—and poor Mrs. Cox. Yes, she says it's all her fault. Oh, running him in debt—and she'd planned such an elaborate Christmas, too."

"More Christmas," asked Bill when Mollie showed him the check?

"No, this goes into the savings. Today I've seen Christmas and other extravagance act as a wedge when it should be a strong cement—binding families together.

"Cox! Yes, too bad."

And when Bill returned from the store that night he mended and painted toys while Mollie dressed dolls. Their Christmas was merry—and it was a cement binding them closer together.

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The Wreath of Holly

The wreath of holly combines both pagan and Christian significance. It it closely allied with the crown of thorns, the red berries probably representing the drops of blood. Less somberly, holly was said to be hateful to witches and was therefore placed on doors and windows to keep them out. In England the holly first brought into the house was said to be a sign of who would rule the house for the ensuing year, the husband or the wife.

Doll Faces Have Changed

Christmas dolls have grown more intelligent. This has been accomplished by the employment of skilled sculptors to put the spark of life into doll faces. During the past decade the expression on American dolls has changed from a stupid stare to an intelligent face bubbling with life.

Christmas Means Hope

Christmas means hope, amid the dull pessimism of a practical and scientific world. It means that when in the falling darkness, man's step is uncertain and his heart fails, the hand of the Almighty intervenes and the ancient promise is fulfilled.—Detroit Free Press.

Did It Ever Occur To You?

There are over 3000 Piggly Wiggly Stores that can now buy together—Just think what an enermous Buying Power! This, we pass along to you—our customers.

Pure Hog Lard, per lb. 14½c	Pears, large can, in syrup 28c
Pure Hog Lard, 50 lb. cans, per can $6.50	Chili, can 10c
Milk, large can 10c	Spaghetti, can 10c
Milk, small cans 5c	Jello, all flavors, 2 pkgs. 15c
Peaches, Calif. Cling, large cans 18c	Coffee, Peaberry, fancy, per lb. 33c
Peaches, No. 2 cans 12½c	Soap, White Naptha, 10 bars 35c
Peas, Fancy Table, No. 2 cans 12½c	Dona Castile Soap, per bar 5c
Kraut, Fancy, 3 cans 25c	Palm Olive Soap, 3 10c bars 20c
Hominy, Fancy, 3 cans 25c	Cream Oil Soap, 2 10c bars 15c
Pinapple, sliced, large can in syrup 29c	Brass Wash Board, each 44c
	Parlor Brooms, a good one, 44c
	Mops, 16-oz. linen, each 30c

A Few of our Fresh Meat Prices

Compare them.

Beef Steak, fancy cuts, per lb 28c	Beef Roast, all cuts, lb. 20c
Pork Steak or Chops, per lb. 27½c	Side Pork, nice lean frsh side 19c
Pork Shoulders, whole, fresh shoulders lb. 15c	Side Pork, nice lean, salt side, lb 17½c
Pork Hams, whole, fresh hams lb. 19c	Salt Chunk Meat, lb. 13½c
Pork Sausage, pure country style, lb. 20c	Smoked Chunk Meat, sugar cured, lb. 18c
	Bacon, fancy, sugar cured, per lb. 23c

CANDY, a full assortment to pick from, all nice and fresh, pound. . . . 20c

These are not specials. Just our every day prices. Compare them with what you have been paying. We have no delivery, no credit and no premiums to give away---BUT we do save you real money on your groceries and meats.

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DIVISION 10 ROAD REPORT

U. S. Route 61—St. Louis-Fredericktown-Sikeston-Arkansas State line

St. Francois County line to Fredericktown (int. U. S. Route 67) five miles. Gravel surface. Good.

Intersection of U. S. Route 67 to Intersection of Route 34, 37.2 miles. Concrete pavement.

Intersection of Route 34 to Jackson (Int. Route 25) 3 miles. Gravel surface. Good.

Jackson to Cape Girardeau (Int. Route 47) 11.2 miles. Gravel surface and city streets. Good.

Cape Girardeau to Ancell, 7 miles. Concrete pavement.

Ancell to Benton (Int. Route 55) 8.6 miles. Gravel surface. Good.

Benton to Sikeston (Int. U. S. Route 60) 18.2 miles. Gravel surface. Good.

Sikeston to point west of New Madrid, 22 miles. Concrete pavement.

Point west of New Madrid to Intersection of Route 82, 4 miles. Gravel surface. Good.

Intersection of Route 82 to Portageville, 13.3 miles. Gravel surface. Good.

Portageville to Hayti (Int. Route 84) 15.3 miles. Concrete pavement.

Hayti to Arkansas State line. 22 miles. Concrete pavement.

JOBS WANTED—For High School pupils. Phone 440. tf.

FOR SALE—Large sized Moore's heater. Fine condition. Phone 22.—C. H. Yanson. tf.

FOR SALE or RENT—4-room house and 3 lots, 927 Vernon Ave. Small payment down, balance like rent.—John Lind, Cape Girardeau. tf.

FOR RENT—2 furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Call 298. tf.

FOR SALE—Priced to sell quick, two German Police dogs.—L. C. Lear, Western Union Telegraph Office.

FOR RENT—4-room house, lights, on North Street, just off the Park.—Mrs. Harry Dover, phone 385. 2t.

FOUND—Lemon spotted bird dog. Bitch. One year old. Owner can have same by identifying dog and paying for this ad.—Charles Hinson. 1t.

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FRIDAY
Afternoon and Evening

"Join the Army and laugh 'round the world."



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LOUIS WOLHEIM

Two doughboys kept the trenches in an uproar, and then convulsed Arabia, its Sheiks and its tantalizing queen of Shebas!

THEY'LL CONVULSE YOU TOO!!!

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PATHE REVIEW & COMEDY

Bargain Matinee Every Friday at 3 p. m. Admission 10c & 25c
Evenings 7:00 and 8:30 p. m.
Admission 15c and 35c

SATURDAY
Continuous show 2:30 to 11:00



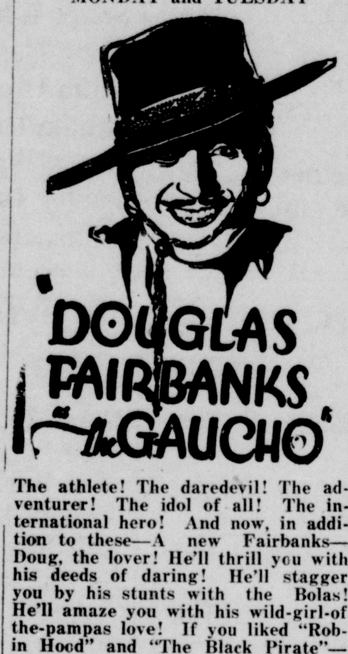
HOOT GIBSON IN "THE FLYIN' COWBOY"

AESOP FABLES and Episode No. 2 "TERRIBLE PEOPLE".
Continuous Show 2:30 to 11:00
2:30 to 6:30 Admission 10c & 25c
6:30 to 11:00 Admission 15c & 25c

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Welter, Mrs. Ray Oliver and Mrs. Harry Dover were visitors to Cape Girardeau Wednesday afternoon.

Reba Rickus of Farmington, Sally and Virgie Spague of Corning, Ark. These young ladies are all students at the Teachers College, Cape Girardeau.

MONDAY and TUESDAY



DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS in the GAUCHO

The athlete! The daredevil! The adventurer! The idol of all! The international hero! And now, in addition to these—A new Fairbanks—Doug, the lover! He'll thrill you with his deeds of daring! He'll stagger you by his stunts with the Bolas! He'll amaze you with his wild-girl-of the-pampas love! If you liked "Robin Hood" and "The Black Pirate"—you'll rave about "Douglas Fairbanks as The Gaucho!"

NEWS and COMEDY
Barfgain Matinee Monday 3 P. M.—Admission 10c and 25c
15c and 35c
Evening 7:00 and 8:30—Admission

WEDNESDAY



Many a stormy wind will blow till you see another hit as big as He had sailed the seven seas of romance, but a beautiful Tomboy scuttled his loveship while he was on shore leave. Jolly Jack as a Jolly Jack and Beautiful Dorothy as his gal.

with DOROTHY MACKAILL and JACK MULHALL

NEWS AND COMEDY
Admission 10c and 25c

THURSDAY



Look for the sunshine. Find it with Esther Ralston. Through the twisted ways of godless men she passes to the higher paths. A revealing drama of lives, seeking the way to Paradise, discovering it in simple souls.

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COMING—LILLIAN GISH in "THE WIND" and CORINNE GRIFFITH in "THE GARDEN OF EDEN"

TO ISSUE SPECIAL EDITION SUNDAY

POST-DISPATCH 200-PAGE PAPER WILL COMMEMORATE 50th ANNIVERSARY

In its issue of Sunday, December 2, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch will have this to say regarding its big Fiftieth Anniversary Number:

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch founded by Joseph Pulitzer December 12, 1878, will celebrate its fiftieth birthday on the Sunday nearest that anniversary, which is December 9.

The four-page paper which the founder was just able to get out, with one rickety press, on that first day, will be distributed, in facsimile, as part of a special number of more than 200 pages. Seven special rotogravure sections will contain contributed articles by writers of world eminence, local and historical sketches by well-qualified St. Louis writers, and color illustrations by leading artists.

Since mid-October, the special number has been in process of printing. Plans for the edition were begun nearly two years ago, and representatives were in Europe more than a year ago, enlisting noted writers as contributors. The result of this quest, and the direction which the special articles have taken, are announced in these words:

"The greatest number of the world's eminent thinkers ever grouped in one publication explore the fascinating field of man's achievements and his probably future scores to determine what life may be like on our globe in years to come".

The list of American and foreign contributors will be recognized as containing authorities in science, exploration, medicine, philosophy, history, religion literature industry and government. It includes the names of President Coolidge, Chief Justice Taft, Henry Ford, Owen D. Young, Richard E. Byrd, H. G. Wells, Sir Philip Gibbs, Count Hermann Kepserling, Michael Pupin, Bertrand Russell, James Harvey Robinson, Dean William R. Inge J. B. S. Haldane, Guglielmo Ferrero, Maxim Gorky, Dr. Morris Fishbein, Sidney Hillman, Harrison Estell Howe, Martin Andersen Nexo, Hans Driesch, Prof. Albert Einstein, Stephen Leacock, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Rudolph M. Holzapfel, Benedetto Groce, Paul de Kruif, Dr. Charles Greeley Abbot, Andre Siegfried and others.

Illustrators in color include Max Beerbohm, Louis Raemaekers, Boris Epimov, Abel Faivre, David Low and D. R. Fitzpatrick, cartoonists; Hugh Ferris, art interpreter of modern architecture, and Frank Brangwyn, famous English painter.

Most of the contributors have shaped their articles in line with the clearly defined editorial purpose of the number, which is "to present, in so far as it can be foretold, the drift of civilization, whence it has come and where it is leading us".

While these notable writings were being solicited and prepared, staff and local writers were busy, some being detached from their duties for long periods, in preparation of matter relating to St. Louis past and future, and to the Post-Dispatch and its founder. There is no strict 50-year limit on the historical matter, some of which runs back to voyaguer days and early statehood. Detailed chronology and statistical matter have been avoided. The progress of women, the story of St. Louis society, the sports of fighting, baseball and racing, and the life of Joseph Pulitzer, founder of the Post-Dispatch, with the record of the Post-Dispatch under his personal direction and in later years, are related.

Advertising in the special number will be notable for skillful preparation and artistic presentation, rather than for volume, as the amount of matter accepted was placed under strict restrictions. Because of space limitations, advertising contracts amounting to more than 8000 were rejected. In the special rotogravure sections, 4-color back cover pages sold at $4000 each. None of the advertising is of a congratulatory character. Advertisers were not permitted to compliment the Post-Dispatch on its half-century of growth, but might tell of their own growth in that or any other given period, as some of them have done effectively.

While quality and value are the aims of the special number it may be of interest to state that it will weigh more than three pounds, that is preparation and issuance involve expenditure of $100,000 in excess of the usual publication cost of the Sunday Post-Dispatch. The issue will sell at the regular Sunday price, 10 cents.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Every patient in the Emergency Hospital shows improvement. Dr. H. M. Kendig returned to his duties on Wednesday morning, after a short illness which confined him to his home since Sunday.

$20,418,260 FOR 1929 MISSISSIPPI SYSTEM PROJECTS

Washington, December 3.—Improvement of river and harbor projects throughout the country and their maintenance will require $50,781,8000, exclusive of Mississippi River flood control work, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1930.

Major-General Edgar Jadwin, chief of the Army Engineering Corps, submitted estimates of the various projects to Congress today with his annual report showing that $47,295,276 was expended on these projects in the year which ended June 30, 1928, and that $73,181,490 was available for the work during the current year which ends June 30, 1929.

Seacoast harbors and channels will require $20,418,260, while the Mississippi River system will require $20,033,000. Lake harbors and channels will require $4,897,500 and internal waterways $3,491,500.

New York harbor and adjacent bays and river channels including the Hudson have been listed for an aggregat eof more than $4,600,000; Philadelphia, including the Delaware River to the sea, $4,445,000; Baltimore harbor and channels, $371,300; Norfolk harbor and Hampton Roads channels, $912,000; the St. John's River from Jacksonville to the sea, $450,000; the Savannah River, $782,000; Miami harbor, $200,000; Mobile harbor, $335,000; the Sabine-Neches waterway in Texas, $975,000; Galveston harbor and channels, including Texas City channel $700,600; Houston ship channel, $568,700; Los Angeles harbor, $245,600.

For the Mississippi River system, which calls for $20,033,000, it is estimated $2,500,000 will be required between the Ohio and Missouri Rivers and $4,000,000 between the Missouri River and Minneapolis; for the Missouri River, $5,000,000 between Kansas City and the mouth and $1,000,000 between Kansas City and Sioux City. The Tennessee River will require $310,000; the Ohio River, 01,890,000; the Monongahela River, $500,000; the Allegheny River, $1,303,000; the Illinois River, $700,000, and the St. Mary's River in Michigan, $2,125,000.

On the Great Lakes, Milwaukee harbor will require $630,000; Sandusky harbor $280,000, and Buffalo harbor $108,000.

For internal waterways, the inland waterway from Delaware Bay to Chesapeake Bay will require $1,000,000 and that between Beaufort and the Cape Fear River in North Carolina, $1,000,000.

The estimates of the amounts that can be profitably expended on the various projects during the fiscal year of 1930, beginning July 1, 1929, and the amount remaining unexpended on each project on July 1, 1928, for the fiscal year of 1929, include:

MISSOURI RIVER—Kansas City to the mouth, $5,000,000 and $4,263,152; Kansas City to Sioux City, $1,000,000 and $507,950; Sioux City to Frot Benton, $50,000 and $31,812.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER—Between Ohio and Missouri Rivers, $2,500,000 and $3,765,147; between Missouri River and Minneapolis, $4,000,000 and $4,322,273.

Southwest Pass, Mississippi River, Louisiana, $375,000 and $33,686. Totals:

Sea coast harbors and channels, $20,418,260 and $33,683,367; Mississippi River system, $20,033,000 and $27,784,637; lake harbors and channels, $4,897,500 and $5,364,755; internal waterways, $3,491,500 and $3,977 756; specified surveys, $1,500,000 and $1,937,600; examinations, surveys and contingencies of rivers and harbors, $250,000; departmental service, allotment roll, $191,620 and $183,315; total, $50,781,880 and $73,181,490.

Now they have another dam proposal coming up even for the Lame Ducks to squabble about. This one is to be called the Swing Johnson Boulder Dam, and is to be built on the Colorado River to impound water for irrigation, power and flood control purpses. Looks like even the life of a Congressman is just one dam thing after another.

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The stock market has been zooming to constantly new high peaks here lately. Playing the market has lured many a wealthy man to financial disaster, and it has made rich men out of a few who had vision and sense enough to know the game and to know when they had enough. But the average person with a sockful of life-time savings has no business speculating in the open market. Sooner or later the crash will come and then "there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth", when hopeful bears will find dross where they expected gold. The present high peaks are unwarranted. To be substantial stock earnings must be based upon production returns and not upon faith in the future of American prosperity alone. When the crash will come, no one knows, but when it does come, a lot of suckers will blow up with the bubble.

Kingshighway Station

Under New Management

I have Leased this Station from SIMPSON OIL COMPANY

Boys, Give Me a Break!

No Sell — No Eat

I'll Give You Service

Through arrangement with the Acceptance Company, I can sell you tires on credit and give you a chance to pay for them on 8 or 10 easy payments plan—

One-Third Down

Come In and Investigate

It's your fault if you need tires and don't get them

Don't Forget—

Leslie Williams

Kingshighway Station

Tire Service

Mobiloils-Quaker State, Prestone Alcohol

Take Your Choice of Tires

Kelly—Fisk—Goodrich General



Hardware Articles for Gift Giving

It is surprising to many people to know how many practical and acceptable gifts they can find in a hardware store. To aid early shoppers we have arranged our gift items in convenient displays. Take the time soon to come and see them. We know you will find many definite gift ideas reasonably priced.

A Big Line of Toys

Sikes Hardware Co.

Quality Service Price

We Give Eagle Stamps

DECLINES POST SEASON GAME WITH BLUE JAYS

In view of the fact that the local School Board is opposed to post-season fotball games, and for the further reason that all footh ment has been turned in, Supt. Roy V. Ellise did not accept an offer from Charleston high school to play another game htis season.

The Sikeston Standard, $1.50.

Treasure House

213 Eighth St.
Cairo, Ill.

A few Helpful Hints for the gift seekers taken at random from the large assortment in Cairo's newest Gift Haven.

Lamps

May be large gifts or small ones—no matter the kind, they will ever please



Mica Shades are new and pleasing diversions in the line.

Clocks

Constantly ticking good thoughts of the giver. The banjo clock shown here in colors is a splendid

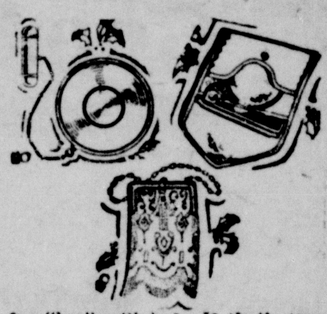


time keeper and the small enamel dresser clocks make dainty useful gifts.

Have you seen the beautiful lot of satin, kapok filled pillows for your living room? If not do so now.

Psst!

Men! Are you looking and looking and just can't decide what that gift



for "her" will be? If that's true just step into Treasure House and your worries will depart.

Vantines

Powders, Perfumes in gorgeously decorated gift boxes. Many other compacts too for the smaller gift.

China and Glass

Matchings for some set or an odd piece here and there of china and glassware makes truly attractive



gifts for the woman at home You'll be surprised at the variety and amazed at the low prices.

Make-Up Boxes
Clothes Hampers
Clothes Boxes and
Hat Boxes
Trinket Boxes
and others
comprise the splendid line of paper boxes.

Phone 111

Delivery Service.

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FRIDAY MORNING

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PEOPLES BANK CLOSES WEDNESDAY

C. A. ESTES, BANK EXAMINER TAKES CHARGE THURS. A. M. NO STATEMENT AVAILABLE

The Peoples Bank of Sikeston, founded in 1909, was closed Wednesday morning about 10:30 o'clock by its board of directors and placed in the hands of State Finance Department. C. V. Estes, a State Bank Examiner, arrived Wednesday night and took charge of the institution early Thursday morning.

The Standard representative was courteously informed by Mr. Estes that it would not be possible to issue a statement of conditions until the survey had been completed. Mr. Estes indicated that this would probably require two or three days. Depositors who have expressed alarm over the safety of their accounts and who called The Standard office for information, have been informed that it will be some time until the officials will know what proportion of their accounts will be returned.

According to the last report by the Finance Department, the bank had deposits of $109,299; loans, $128,953; capital stock, $50,000; surplus $10,000 and bills payable, $30,000. F. M. Sikes is president and R. F. Anderson, cashier. This is the thirty-second State bank to close this year.

A terse statement in the curtained doors stated: "This bank is being closed by order of the Board of Directors. December 5, 1928. Signed F. M. Sikes" (president). Thursday morning another statement appeared saying: "This bank is in the hands of the State Finance Department. Signed, C. A. Estes."

BUSINESS MEN TO KENNETT ON MUNICIPAL W. & L. PROJECT

Mayor Ed Fuchs, C. E. Felker, J. F. Cox and Lon Swanner went to Kennett Wednesday evening to attend a meeting of the Kennett City Council that evening. That city has under consideration a proposition whereby they plan to install a municipal water and light plant, and the regular meeting night was changed from Tuesday until Wednesday to accommodate the Sikeston representatives who expressed a desire to sit in on the meeting.

Mayor Pankey indicated Monday that the regular monthly meeting of the Council would be held Tuesday afternoon instead of that night, and that all business would be deferred until Wednesday. Albert E. Miller, representative of the Buckeye Machinery Co., also expected to be present at the meeting.

The Council also was scheduled to consider action on replacing the City Ordinances which were destroyed in the recent fire in the office of City Clerk, Dave Stroud. The last revisio of ordinances was made in 1897 said Mayor Pankey, and of course hundreds more have been passed since that time.

I. O. O. F. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS TUESDAY NIGHT

The local order of the Odd Fellows held its regular weekly meeting at the hall Tuesday night and elected the following into office:

Noble Grand—Richard Hopper.
Vice Grand—Hardy Williams.
Secretary—W. E. Hollingsworth.
Treasurer—C. C. White.
Trustee—R. E. Limbaugh.

The chapter voted on the consolidation of the Blodgett and the local orders of I. O. O. F. and enjoyed refreshments by the lady Rebekahs at the close of the business session.

BENTON EDITOR MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Norrid annuonced the mrariage of their daughter, Leorena E., to Mr. Alden H. Pinney Wednesday, December 5, at Benton.

Mr. Pinney has been the editor of the Benton Democrat for a number of years and his bride of a few days was formerly a clerk in the office of the Circuit Clerk. The Standard joins the many friends of the couple in wishing them a happy and prosperous married life.

Misses Mae and Veda Bean spent Saturday and Sunday in Canalou, the guests of their sister, Mrs. G. T. Darke.

The D. A. R. will meet Saturday afternoon with Mrs. C. E. Brenton and every member is urged to be present and come prepared to tell of the most pleasant Christmas they ever spent.

COME TO TOYLAND

In Buckner-Ragsdale Co.'s

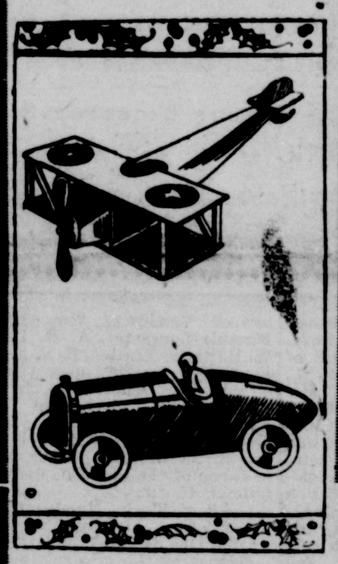
Bargain Basement

The Store with The Christmas Spirit

TOYS TOYS TOYS—A WORLD OF THEM

Bring the little children to see Toyland—You will enjoy the merriment as much as the children
And buying now has the advantage of complete assortment.

TOYS for Boys



Pool Tables, Red Devil Racer, Motor Cycle Cop, Moving Van, Air Plane, Parcel Post Truck, Fire Truck, Big Bus, Tool Chest, Keyston Movie Graph, Steam Shovel, Pile Driver, Big Ban Cannon, Sand Crane, Dix Performing Toy, Footballs, Drums, Horns, Ukelele, Games of all kinds, Building Blocks, Toy Auto, Mechanical Toys of every description.

Skee Ball, Gee Whiz Race, Electric Questionnaire, Tom Tom, Heap Drum.
Educational Board, Structo Tanks, Toy Parachutes.



There Are Dolls Galore

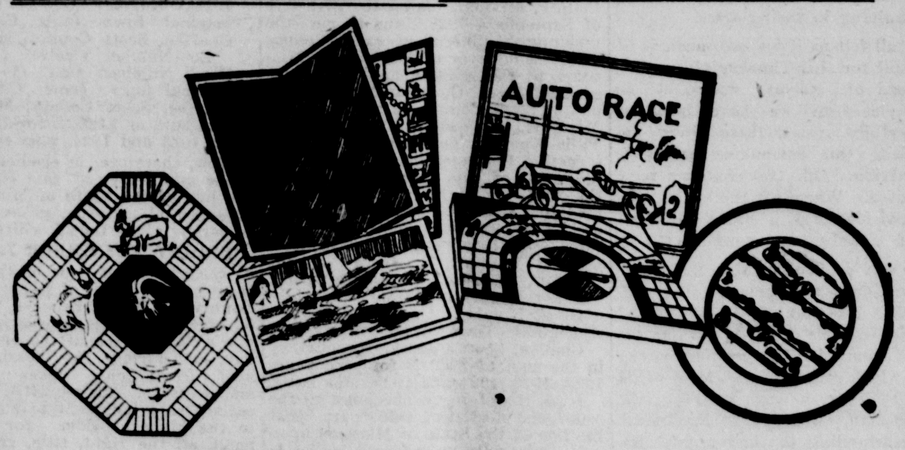
Sunny Boy
Dressed in black velvet with fine quality celluloid head and beautiful glass eyes.

Snookems
The famous baby star of the funny papers.

Sunny Girl
Unusually life-like expression and natural flcsh tinted complexion, with beautiful glass eyes

Little Sister
New beautiful composition dolls daintilly dressed, very attractive.

Bye-Lo Dolls from tiny to the largest size, Daisy Doll., Madam Georgene Creation Doll, Kiddie Joy Doll, Fairy Land Cradle Doll Prize Baby Dolls, Dotty Darling Doll, Our Gang Doll.



GAMES GAMES GAMES

The Pop Game, Rummie, Yale-Harvard Football Game, Basketball Game. Puff Rall, Humpty-Dumpty puzzle game, Word and Problem builder game, Wild Animal Target game, Bang Bird game, Liberty Stone Blocks, Build More Blocks, Table Croquet, Table Tennis

Thousands of Toys which Sell for 25c 50c $1.00 and up

THE BUCKNER-RAGSDALE CO

SIKESTON, MISSOURI

TOYS for Girls



Baby Grand Piano Player, Upright Piano Doll House, Wood Doll Furniture, Lawn Swing, Electrical Range, Kitchen Cabinets, Sewing Sets, Breakfast Set, Bassinetts, Dressers, Doll Beds, Toy Stoves, Doll Carriages, Black Boards, Trunks, Ironing Boards, Doll Sulkies, Laundry Sets, Lawn Swings.

Children's Books

Billy Whiskers Series, Uncle Wiggley's Series, Anderson Fairy Tales, Grimm's Fairy Tales, Louisa May Alcott's Series.

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Little Mother's Helper Sets, Machine Gun, Gustav, the Miller, Telephones.
Dishes, China and aluminum.
Sandy Andy Caterpillar Tractor and Trailer, Scooter, with rubber tires, Red Carts, Kiddie Cop Outfit, Horseshoe Sets for indoors, Golf Sets.

CHAFFEE MAN SAVED FROM BURNING AUTO

S. A. Ruch, prominent Chaffee business man and owner of the Ruch Stave & Lumber Company, of that city, narrowly escaped death Monday evening about 6 o'clock, when his Tudor Ford turned turtle on Highway 61 and started to burn.

Ruch had driven to Gideon and New Madrid, where he closed several lrage lumber deals. He told The Standard representative Tuesday that he estiamted his speed at about 45 miles per hour on his return trip, and that he remembered striking a bit of soft earth on the slab, where grading crews had been working on the shoulders, then his mind went blank.

To bring the story up to date, Jno. G. Powell, insurance man of Sikeston, met Misses Lillian Shields and Mary Emma, Powell's daughter, on the streets of Sikeston, and asked the young ladies whether they would like to make a trip to the iountry with him. They readily agreed and drove to Noxall, about 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Powell transacted his business and the party started back. A few miles down the highway, they saw a large flash and hurried to the scene. Another car driving in the opposite direction and containing two strangers had stopped and were trying to open the dors of an overturned sedan which was wrapped in flames. By the combined efforts of the three men, they were able to drag the limp form of Mr. Ruch from the burning car. He had suffered a blow on the back of the head and was bleeding freely from several cuts about the face and arms. He was loaded into Powell's car and was brought to the Emergency Hospital, where Dr. Presnlel dressed his wounds. The injured man regained consciousness at time during the trip to Sikeston and managed to tell who he was. Later in the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Powell drove to Ruch, and sent Boyer to haul the car to Sikeston.

Tuesday afternoon a jovial, smiling white haired gentleman drove back to Sikeston "To beg Mr. Powell's pardon for not thanking him adequately last night"—it was Ruch himself, and little worse off for his experience the day previous.

The two strangers who really succeeded in dragging Ruch from the wreck, are unknown. They stayed with the burning car and evidently succeeded in putting out the fire by throwing dirt on the flames. The carbuerator had spilled gasoline over the engine and on the ground when the car turned over. The auto sustained four broken glasses, a broken windshield and various dents.

CHARGES DROPPED AGAINST SCHUELER—NO JURISDICTION

State charges against A. Schueler were dismissed on November 30, in Judge Myer's court, for lack of jurisdiction. On November 21, Schueler's car ran into a mule belonging to Barney Waggoner and injured Geo. McIntosh, who was riding the animal to Waggoner's place in Sikeston. This brought action against Schueler, he being charged with recklessly operating an automobile on the highway and injuring the mule and rider.

However, since the accident happened in New Madrid County, the court here ruled that it had no jurisdiction over the case.

Shortly after the accident, Waggoner filed attachment paper against Schueler's car, and Schueler filed a motion to have Waggoner to make $250 bond. This suit has been continued until December 8.

TWO VISITING DRUNKS DRAW STIFF FINES

After absorbing a little too much of spirits of roasting ears, and after engaging in a dispute which led to desertion on the part of the "chauffuel", a Morheouse youth named James, two men were arrested, Monday evening near a local garage on charges of being drunk and disturbing the peace. They gave their names as Joe Cowgur of Illinois and A. C. Overby of Poplar Bluff. The pair pleaded guilty before Judge Myers and were assessed fines totaling $12.50 each.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brenton and Mrs. M. M. Beck were visitors to Cape Giraddeau Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Homer Burrus and Mrs. Jno. LaFont drove to Carmi and Zeigler, Ill., and spent the Thanksgiving holidays, returning home Sunday.

SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

ISSUED TUESDAY AND FRIDAY AT SIKESTON, MISSOURI

Entered at the Postoffice at Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, as second-class mail matter, according to act of Congress.

Rates:
Display advertising, per single column inch, net 25c
Reading notices, per line 10c
Bank statements $10.00
Probate notices, minimum ....$ 5.00
Yearly subscription in Scott and the adjoining counties $1.50
Yearly subscription elsewhere in the United States $2.00

It seems to be able to rain with no effort at all here lately; but in the time between showers it might be a good thing to have the street commissioner to clean out the city drains. During and after a hard shower, water backs up at nearly every street intersection because the drains are either inadequate tho carry the flow. or they are stopped up by leaves and mud, or both. Several home owners, also, might use a crow bar and a few cinders to good advantage and straighten up some of their walks. If they don't make some effort to improve the sidewalks, we might begin to look for an epidemic of "blind staggers", on the part of pedestrians.

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Santa Claus is usually mighty nice to visit all the good children, and most generally brings warm clothing to those who cannot "see" Santa. This is all fine, but we have an idea that most small girls would rather have a doll than warm clothing, and the small boy would prefer toys or a wagon, to an overcoat. The joy of Christmas is reflected in the faces of little folks so in doing your bit, give them happiness as well as warmth.

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The editor made a visit to East Prairie, Saturday afternoon, and was pleased to see such a bustling city. They have a great many more stores than we had any idea of, and all seemed to be doing a good business. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Keith were very busy in their store, which carries a regular line of general merchandise and groceries. We enjoyed a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bright of the East Prairie Eagle while there.

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To keep up with past performances the weather man uncorked a miserable rain on us Tuesday morning. It was not needed by a long sight and put a stop to cotton picking that is suffering from too much rain. The past two or thre weeks has found us with an average of two showers a week—just enough to keep pickers out of the fields. Here's hoping, anyway, that this will be all until after the holidays.

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The Twice-a-Week Standard is worth more than the price asked and we dislike to be forced to pay a commission to have the subscription collected, so we hope those knowing themselves indebted for same, will call and square up.

TRY FIRST AT HOME

A sound, sensible business request that every person in this community should heed, because it means extra dollars to each one.

The merchants of this town want your business. They realize that, to get your business they must give you value received for every dollar you spend with them.

The profit which the merchant realizes from any sale he makes is an added asset to the wealth of this community.

Home spent dollars work for us home folks.

They help to build schools, churches, good roads, better homes.

They help to pay home employed labor.

They help to buy home produced products.

They help us all to prosper.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Complaint has been made to me that some soft drinks places in Scott County are not observing the law which prohibits blinds or screens that obstruct free view from the sidewalk and street into such places.

Believing that most of these violations are due to ignorance of the law rather than a willful intention to violate same, I take this method of calling attention to the matter. The law may be found in Sections six and seven, pages 238-9 of the 1923 Session acts of the State of Missouri.

All kinds of punch boards, slot machines, raffles and lotteries and all other games of chance are likewise prohibited by law.

All officers are requested to see that these laws are not further violated.

M. E. MONTGOMERY,
Prosecuting Attorney Scott County.

TOOK UNFAIR ADVANTAGE

Demcorats of Holden took an unfair advantage of their Republican friends recently, when they paid an election bet. The agreement was the losers were to entertain the winners with a dinner, and when the Republican winners gathered aroud the banquet table, they were served corn bread and mush, and when they grumbled they were told they were on a war-time ration, as the head of their ticket advocated during the war. That was enough to make even a Republican mad, and that would be hard to do immediately after the votes had been counted.

Joe Crothers, down Matthews way, remembered that the editor likes greens and brought us nearly a bushel of turnip greens Tuesday morning, for which we return thanks.

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When someone asked the office stenog if she knew any college jokes, she said: "Several. One of them took me to a Frat dance last night". —Post-Dispatch.

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JOBS WANTED—For High School pupils. Phone 440. tf.

LOST—A Rosary, in a case, in the Legion Park, Sunday. Please return to The Standard office.

LOCAL NEWS FROM MATTHEWS VICINITY

Little Vivia Watkins has diptheria.

W. M. Dunlap was in Sikeston Saturday.

Bob Benford was a Sikeston visitor Saturday.

Miss Barry spent Thanksgiving at her home in Cape Girardeau.

Miss Thelma Davis spent Thanksgiving at her home in East Prairie.

Miss Claribel Canoy visited with friends in the Lead Belt Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Zimmer spent the week-end with relatives in Advance.

B. B. Conrad visited his parents in Marble Hill, during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mesdames G. D. Steele, G. D. Englehart and F. E. Sibley shopped in Sikeston Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Alsup and William Deane motored to New Madrid Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McGee and Mrs. Ed Watkins and children were in Sikeston Saturday.

Mrs. Cora Gossett, Mrs. J. P. Rice and Master Aubrey Clarke were Sikeston visitros Saturday.

Mesdames G. D. Steele and Charles Lumsden attended the meat canning demonstration at Mrs. Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rice and Miss Aleta Hill of St. Louis spent the past few days with Mrs. Cora Gossit.

Two fine sermons were delivered by Rev. Dennis at the Methodist church Sunday morning and Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Spencer of Memphis, Tenn., arrived last Wednesday and spent Thanksgiving with the latter's mother, Mrs. Mae Burch.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ball had as their guests at a Thanksgiving dinner Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rice of St. Louis, Master Aubrey Clarke and Mrs. Cora Gossitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Henderschott entertained Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Henderschott and son of Gary, Ind., and Mrs. Geroge Achley, with a Thanksgiving dinner at their home near Noxall.

Although the rain poured in torrents, the football game between Matthews and Lilbourn was played here Thanksgiving Day. The game ended 45-0 in favor of Matthews. Our boys lost but one game this season.

For the first time in the history of this little town, we had Thanksgiving services at the Methodist church, conducted by the Revs. Dennis and Harden. This service was very much appreciated. All places of business were closed at 10 a. m. We feel proud of the two preachers who have worked up so much unity in this community.

Last Wednesday night, a program was given at the high school auditorium, which did much credit to the teachers and the children. Miss Thelma Davis deserves unlimited praise for the patience she has shown with her expression class. Those little folks certainly were great. This class shows that they have had care and training in their parts.

We all felt as if we had much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving, when we read of storms, floods, etc. in other places and we have been so wonderfully spared these alwful calamities. Our community seems to be thriving. Our two churches seem so united. When we think of our personal blessings, it makes our heart sing a Thanksgiving song of praise.

The box supper at Canoy last Tuesday was quite a success, as they usually are. The sum of $55 was realized from the sale of the boxes and the box of candy for the prettiest young lady, which was won by Miss Ella Ruth Fletcher, a wash pan for the ugliest man, won by B. B. Conrad. Notwithstanding the bad night, the house was packed. A large number of young folks came down from Sikeston and several were here from Lilbourn. The teachers, Mrs. Willa A. Alsup and Ellis Reed, wish to thank those who did so much to make this affair such a success.

M. A. Bragg, 51 years old, of Dexter, is in serious condition at a hospital in Poplar Bluff as a result of injuries received Sunday, presumably when hit by a motorist who fled. He was found lying by the highway between Dexter and Bernie. His right leg was broken and his skull fractured.

Mrs. E. O. Veatch of Campbell lost a $10 bill at a recent tent show performance there. She told the man in charge of the show. Several days later she received a letter from the show superintendent mailed in Illinois, contaiing a check for $10. The letter said that when a check-up was made that night, he found they had $10 over the amount recorded. This, he said, probably had been handed to him by mistake.

The Sikeston Standard $1.50.

SUNDAY HUNTERS ARRESTED

Pittsville, Mo., December 3.—A Missouri blue law, which forbids Sunday hunting, was enforced here yesterday, when four youths were arrested in Johnson County. They were John White, Orville Moran, Paul Solscheld and Joe Solscheld, all of Kansas City.

They were released after depositing $5 and their four weapons. The youths were hunting on the 400-acre farm of Mrs. William Robbey, whom they were visiting near Pittsville. Numerous other arrests of Sunday hunters have been made in this vicinity recently.

An umbrella with teeth that grip the owner's sleeve has been invented. But will it snap at anybody who tries to steal it in a restauran?—Punch.

Sheriff's Sale of Land For Delinquent Taxes Under Special Execution

By virtue and authority of a special execution for delinquent taxes and costs issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Scott County, Missouri, dated the 27th day of September, 1928, and to me the undersigned Sheriff of said County directed, in favor of the State of Missouri, at the relation and to the use of Emil Steck, Collector of the Revenue of Scott County, in the State of Missouri, and against L. E. Warnica, Amy Warnica, A. J. Matthews and Company, Inc., Florence S. Matthews, Lyman A. Matthews, Lloyd Poe, Trustee, Caleb Matthews and A. J. Matthews, A. W. Swacker, Trustee, upon a judgment of said court rendered on the 23rd day of August, 1928, which said judgment was declared a first and paramount lien on said real estate, lying, being and situate in Scott County, Missouri, in favor of the plaintiff, described as follows, to-wit:

Lots Number One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), and Ten (10) in Block Number One (1) of Matthews' Second (2nd) Addition to the town of Vanduser, Scott County, Missouri.

in the sum of $102.86 for the years 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925. Now, therefore, in obedience to the order and decree of said court that the lien of the State of Missouri upon said real estate be enforced, notice is hereby given that I will on

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at the east front door of the Court House in the town of Benton, in said County and State, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, and during the session of the said Circuit Court under judgment and decree of August 23rd, 1928, to satisfy said judgment and costs, sell to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title, claim and interest of the said L. E. Warnica, Amy Warnica, A. J. Matthews and Company, Inc., Florence S. Matthews, Lyman A. Matthews, Lloyd Poe, Trustee, Caleb Matthews and A. J. Matthews, A. W. Swacker, Trustee, in and to the above described real estate, or so much thereof as will be sufficient to satisfy said execution and costs.

Given under my hand and seal this 12th day of November, 1928.

TOM SCOTT,
Sheriff Scott County, Missouri.

H. C. Blanton,
Attorney for Plaintiff.
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Lot Number Three (3) in Block Number One (1) of the original Town (Now City) of Chaffee, Scott County, Missouri.

in the sum of $120.62 for the years 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925, plus costs.

Now, therefore, in obedience to the order and decree of said court that the lien of the State of Missouri upon said real estate be enforced, notice is hereby given that I will on

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Lot Number Eleven (11) in Block Number One (1) of the original town (now City) of Chaffee, Scott County, Missouri.

Lot Number Twelve (12) in Block Number One (1) of the original town (now City) of Chaffee, Scott County, Missouri.

in the sum of $128.12 for the years 1922, 1923 and 1924, plus costs.

Now, therefore, in obedience to the order and decree of said court that the lien of the State of Missouri upon said real estate be enforced, notice is hereby given that I will on

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All of Block Number Six (6) Consisting of Lots Numbered from One (1) to Twelve (12) inclusive, of the original town of Vanduser, Scott County, Missouri

in the sum of $179.88 for the years 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925 plus costs.

Now, therefore, in obedience to the order and decree of said court that the lien of the State of Missouri upon said real estate be enforced, notice is hereby given that I will on

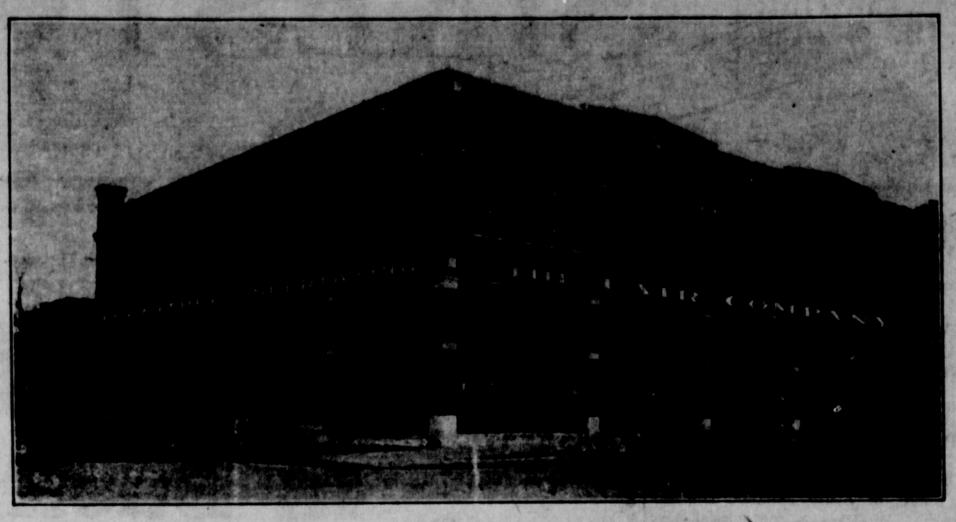
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..LAIR STORE NEWS..

That Interesting Store

Home Furnishings—Undertaking

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Ladies and Gentlemen of Southeast Missouri:

We have determined to dispose of at least half of our splendid $30,000.00 stock of home furnishings and novelties between the 8th and 24th of December.

In order to reach that goal we realize lt will become necessary to cut prices with a vengeance. That matter has been carefully considered and to assure success in the effort profits will be forgotten for the time.

Prices on furniture, heating stoves, ranges, floor coverings and novelties, during this sale will startle you.

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Father a college professor; mother cultured and refined; heredity guaranteed. Price—$30,000.

PASSIONATELY devoted to her husband, Marjorie often said she would sacrifice *anything* for his success and happiness. And now, as he faces failure, disillusionment, despair —*all for a lack of money*—she sees only one way out. She has heard of women, rich and childless, who would give thousands of dollars if they could adopt a baby, and be sure of its heredity. But as the golden dreams of approaching motherhood fill her soul, she wonders if she can go through with it.

Even while she prays for courage to make this terrible sacrifice, she is thinking that perhaps the rich woman who comes to her aid could take her abroad, "for a few months' travel." There her baby could be born—to become *the other woman's baby.*

It all seems so easy. Still, as she visions the helpless little mite of humanity that lives close to her heart —she wonders if she can do it. Can anything ever take the place of that little life that, for her, will die the moment it is born?

Read her piteous story, "Nature's Vengeance," in January True Story Magazine.

True, the secret of her coming baby is still her own. Even her husband does not know—*need never know.* But can she resist the loving touch of tiny, helpless baby hands that are already closing tightly around her heart? *Can she sell her unborn child?*

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WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS INTERESTING ART AND ANTIQUE DISPLAY TUESDAY

The Woman's Club of Sikeston was delightfully entertained at the beautiful home of Mrs. L. O. Rodes Tuesday afternoon, with twenty-two members and a number of visitors in attendance.

After a song and reading of the Club collect in unison and also the reading by Mrs. C. C. Rose of the Club's Christmas wish, included in the year book, roll call was responded to by naming old buildings of note, which was made more interesting from the fact that several of the members had been abroad and had actually seen the buildings mentioned.

At the business session, Mrs. Harold Trowbridge, Chairman of the Library Committee reported that she had been successful in securing a room in which to open the library. This room was most kindly offered free of charge to the Club by Mr. Bowman and is located is the Scott County Milling Company Building. The Club voted unanimously to accept this gracious offer and Mrs. Trowbridge was given full charge of library activities and hopes to have the library functioning in a very short time. The books were transferred to their new home Wednesday. Mrs. Trowbridge told of the interest shown by Miss Lenore Rafferty of the Cape Girardeau Public Library, and Miss Sadie Kent of the Teachers College, Cape Girardeau, in our library here, and that each woman said she could be with us in Sikeston at any time to help and offer suggestions as to the arranging of books, etc. Inasmuch as both Miss Rafferty and Miss Kent have a comprehensive knowledge of library affairs gleaned from actual experience, their assistance would be a splendid asset.

The chairman of the Library Committee and her helpers are to be highly commended for their untiring efforts in behalf of organizing a library for Sikeston.

Mrs. Harry Dudley, leader for the afternoon, sponsored an art and antique display, which proved wonderfully entertaining as well as instructive. Beautiful, strange and antique, also modern articles of interest were brought by the various club members. Mrs. Mollie Long's exquisite old quilts and shawl, 75 and 100 years old were works of art, as were those of Mrs. Frank Sikes, Mrs. Emma Kendall and the grogeous paisley shawl shown by Mrs. Hess. Lovely were the more modern but beautiful hand-worked linen articles made by Mrs. A. B. Skillman, without which no display of this kind in Sikeston would be complete.

Mrs. C. A. Cook, Mrs. Mollie Long, Mrs. C. C. White, Mrs. L. O. Rodes and Mrs. Arnold Roth displayed rare pieces of china and the guests' coffee was poured from a lovely old China coffee pot, by Mrs. Rodes and Mrs. Roth in honor of the Club's Art and Antique program.

Mrs. Kate Greer brought as her contribution two old volumes of William Cowper's poems, entirely handmade and published in 1823. A quaint old tapestry bag was shown by Mrs. Harry Dudley, which was over 100 years old, having been made by a Mohawk Indian. She also displayed a most interesting letter, the original, writen by Jefferson Davis in 1865. Mrs. Dudley then read a letter written by her own grandfather at the age of 16, the day before he went into battle, 1862, and showed an old Harper's Weekly, dated January 7, 1865.

Mrs. E. T. Wheatley kept the Club intent throughout her talk on the "Passion Play" given every ten years in the little Alpine village of Oberammergau, and which she, herself had witnessed. She told graphically of the tiny Swiss village nestling in the heart of the Alps, and we could really visualize some of the scences she described. Mrs. Wheatley said that to her, after of course that of the Christus, portrayed by the internationally known Anton Lang, the character Judas was the outstading one of the "Passion Play". She displayed a vase bought in Anton Lang's shop in Oberammergau and also a small statue made by the character who played the part of Joseph of Armathea.

Mrs. Burns exhibit was a beautiful picture, the work of a talented Cape Girardeau friend. Mrs. C. E. Brenton showed a handsomely made lap secretary which had belonged to her mother and Mrs. L. R. Brown, a curious and beautifully wrought box of olive wood from Italy. Mrs. M. M. Beck displayed the senatorial book of her great-grandfather, one of the first senators from Indiana. The book is dated 1837. She also showed a piece of old sliver, an heir-loom.

Mrs. Eula Bowman Shanks read the first and last verses of the ancient poem in existence, "Indra, The Supreme God", by Dutt. This is a translation from Sanskrit, written 3500 B. C., the dim ages in which this poem was composed, making our Colonial china, quilts, etc., in comparison seem modern indeed.

The next meeting of the Club will be held at the home of Mrs. E. E. Hudson, December 18, with Miss Maude Herring as leader.

Woven Straw Toys



When good Santa saw these curious hand-woven straw hats in Mexico he immediately ordered a consignment to be brought over the border. They are as nonbreakable as knitted or rubber toys and therefore make wonderful gifts for children. They may also be used as novel porch or sunroom decorations.

KWKH, STATION "DOG GONE" LICENSE SUSPENDED 60 DAYS

"Dog gone my picture. Dog gone 'em". Yes, you've guessed it. This is the Henderson Iron Works of Shreveport. But one W. K. Henderson's free lance dog gonning and other sundry expressions will not be heard for some sixty days. The powers of the air that be, have shot the works and closed KWKH for a two-month period because Henderson would not conform to his new allocation. We shall stand by now for some caustic opinions of the Federal Radio Commission when old W. K. again takes the air.

Mrs. John Chaney, who has been on the sick list for several days, is better, we are glad to report.

"One person is struck by an autobile in this country every forty-two seconds", says an informative contemporary. He must be in pretty bad shape by this time, whoever he is.—New York Evening Post.





In Most Homes In This Community

When the family set down to their Christmas dinner, it will be to partake of a turkey or a roast provided by this market. Phone 344 and we will send you your Christmas meats, and guarantee you will be pleased.

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A HORSE TO ARIZONA A LA CARTE TUESDAY

A black-eyed, slender fellow in a ten-gallon hat, drove up to a local gas station for a "refill", and a bit of information regarding road conditions. That alone would provoke very little interest. His trailer and the contents of the trailer did stop traffic and provoked a flood of questions.

It developed that the man was a real Western cowboy, who had been on a barnstorming tour of the East. His latest stand had been in Michigan. He carried his horse, which incilently had one glass eye, in a wood and canvas trailer mounted on two auto tires.

He explained to an interested group of admirers that he rode the horse in rodeos, nad that he was now on his way to "God's country"—Arizona, for the winter.

When last seen he was headed South on Kingshighway with the intention of raeching Blytheville, Ark., before nightfall. The spectators were convinced of the fact that on this occasion, at least, putting the cart before the horse seemed to work out.

CORRECT CAGE SCHEDULE

Boys' and girls' teams will take part in the preliminary basketball game at Bloomfield December 14 instead of boys only, as stated in Tuesday's Standard, and the game on January 4 is at Caruthersville in place of Charleston.

Vernon "Dutch" Heisler and Brown Jewel went to Mound City, Ill., Tuesday to try and collect a number of overdue notes and to deliver some "wooden" checks.

Tobe Moseley says with all the patent beautifiers nowadays a person has to put on his high powdered specks to tell a pretty girl from an urgly one.—Commercial Appeal.

COMEBACK OF OPERA IS FORSEEN BY THE GREAT THEATRICAL POWERS

When the greatest amusement syndicates in the world turn to the production of Opera, is it not convincing proof that the cleaner and higher order of things musically are being demanded by the public, for after all the success of any big enterprise is measured by the popular demand.

Just at this time there is evident activity in the Opera and Operetta field,—a new era of musical productions—an era that promises to restore to the American stage the Operetta type of entertainment. The past summer has found every city of any importance with its municipal or privately sponsored season of opera. At this time in all the principal cities at least one theatre is given over to the production of this higher art in music. In keeping with this popular trend, our city is to be favored at an early date with a sumptuous revival of Rudolf Friml's "The Firefly", one of the latest and yet one of the most popular operas ever written—for who has not been charmed by the plaintive melodies found in the beloved gems of "Giannina Mia", "Love is Like a Firefly", "Sympathy", "Tommy Atkins", "When a Maid Comes Knocking at Your Heart", "A Woman's Smile" and "An American Beauty Rose".

"The Crash"

Will be shown at the

MALONE

Theatre

THURSDAY

DEBEMBER 20th

The Valentine Opera organization of fifty people, including special symphonic orchestra, under the personal direction of Miss Valentine—(the only woman conductor of Opera in America today) is to give one performance in this city soon. Arrangements are now being made whereby it will be sponsored by some of the leading musical clubs and opera enthusiasts of Sikeston. Manager Wilson of the Malone Theatre, will annuonce in a few days, or as soon as the date is agreed upon, full details as to scale of prices and all information regarding this truly history making event. Reports from trustworthy sources are that they are selling more than capacity at every performance, says Manager Wilson. He also states the matter of price is now being discussed and he assures the public that he will get them down so that no one need miss "The Firefly".

W. C. LIBRARY MOVED TO NEW QUARTERS WEDNESDAY

Some five hundred volumes, the property of the Sikeston Woman's Club, have been transferred from the Chamber of Commerce rooms to Room 209 of the Scott County Milling Co. Bldg. The new library will be opened to the public as soon as the books can be catalogued and shelved, and a system of loaning them put in effect. Mrs. Harold Trowbridge, Chairman of the Woman's Club Library Work, and Mrs. C. C. Rose were engaged in placing the books in wall racks, Wednesday.

The library will be enlarged soon by the purchase of new books by the Club. Mrs. Trowbridge was recently empowered with the necessary authority to expend certain funds for that purpose. The Missouri Utilities Co., through M. M. Beck, donated a table lamp for use in the new library quarters.

FOUND—A suit case on Highway 61, Sunday. Owner please call 618.

COUNCIL HOLDS REGULAR MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

The regular monthiy meeting of the City Council was held last Monday night. Councilmen Denman, Hayden and Hebbeler were appointed on a committee to see merchants regarding the appointment of an extra night watchman. The wages of this extra officer would have to be made up by a canvas of business men and from donations by other citizens.

The Council also passed an ordinance raising the yearly license fee for junk dealers to $100. This action was taken to discourage petty junkmen from operating in the city, in the belief that such action on the part of some led to stealing.

Routine business of approving current bills took up the rest of the evening.

R. C. Matthews appeared before the Council asking the use of the city's sewer cleaning device on a portion of drain along Highway 61. The Department guarateed to return the tool in good shape. The Council agreed to allow the request.

LETTERS TO SANTA START COMING IN

All honors for the first Santa Claus letter this year go to Charley Wheeler from way up in Flint, Mich. Charley writes a good hand, and is not a bit modest about telling what he wants, but then he probably knows that Old Santa will come well loaded again this year, and that he will be pretty likely to leave lots and lots of prseents for the boys and girls of Flint so that his sleds and aifrplanes won't be so heavy.

Come on now all you boys and girls around Sikeston and send in your Christmas list:

Remember that this jolly old fellow must kow what you want pretty soon. He's a busy fellow, this Santa Claus and you'd better follow Charley's example and write him that Christmas letter. Put "Santa Claus, Sikeston Standard, Sikeston, Mo". We'll print the letter and send him the paper. Who will be next after Charley Wheeler?

Flint, Mich.,
1120 Oak St.,
December 3, 1028.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a good little boy and live in Flint, Mich., with my mamma.

I am writing you to let you know what I want for Xmas. Please bring me a little train that runs on a track and a little doggie that says bow wow and a set of tinker toys and a little gun. Please Santa will you bring me some boots so I can wade the snow and please bring me lots of nuts and candy and other good things to eat. I will go to bed early and shut my eyes tight. You will find my little stocking hanging by the window.

Now Santa, please don't forget my little friends, Rex and Johnny Martin and Hurn Israel, they live in Flint, too.

CHARLEY WHEELER

P. S.: Please bring me a story book.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyon Schroff are the proud parents of a baby girl born to them Tuesday morning, December 4.

A man who was brought before a Paris police magistrate for the forty-second time was ordered to be discharged in the custody of his wife. But he pleaded for a sentence in prison and was given two years.

Sap Spradlen got all stirred up in an argument and like to of flew off of the handle today, but when he got to talking right hoarse away down in his throat, the fellow cleared it up for him by making him swallow some rough words.—Commercial Appeal.

C'VILLE THIEVES EXCHANGE STOLEN CARS—POLICE RECOVER BOTH VEHICLES

Last Saturday night Kenneth Dillman and his wife of Caruthersville, missed their Chevrolet coach, parked on Fourth Street, after they had finished shopping. The Caruthersville police were notified, but nothing was learned of its whereabouts until Sunday when Grover Baker notified them that he had pulled a car out of the mud in a lane on his place north of Sikeston. Baker identified the owner by an envelope bearing Dillman's name in the car.

Dillman and Chief of Police Scott of Caruthersville came to this city Sunday evening and recovered the car which was undamaged, still having some gas in the tank. The owner had had his oil changed and the gas tank filled just before the car was stolen.

Blytheville, Ark. police had trace of the car. They notified Scot t that four negroes had driven through Blythevlile, and a check-up of the speedometer indicated that it had been driven just about far enough to cover the distance to Blytheville and to Sikeston.

While Chief Scott and Dillman were conferring with the local police Sunday evening, Dr. W. A. Anthony came into headquarters and reported the theft of his Chrysler coach from in front of his residence.

Dr. Anthony had not locked his car, he said. He merely drove up, left his car and after eating his evening meal, he intended to take the laundry to the washwoman. His car was gone, so he reported his loss to the police. Chief Scott, working on the supposition that the four negroes who had taken Dillman's car and abandoned it in favor of Anthony's coach, found the latter' car Monday.

"This is my second experience with car borrowers", said Dr. Anthony Wednesday, "and hereafter they will have more trouble getting away, because I intend to lock it every time I park even if it is for only a few minutes".

The thieves have not been apprehended.

Every attempt having failed to Induce the cannibals of Acouti to give up eating white men, the native chief has resorted to a very plausible expedient. He now warns his subjects that if they eat the white man they will be possessed by the devil in him. This warning has rendered travel through this region safe for the white man.

Clever Tea "Cozy"



"Just what I wanted" is what the good housewife will be writing in her note of thanks to the donor of this clever and useful gift. This "cozy" and holder set is made of quilted sateen. The design is unique being a bird's head, with wings suggested in the lines of the quilting. Slipped over the tea or coffee urn it keeps the contents hot and steaming. With the aid of this handy device the mistress of the house or her maid can serve biscuits hot from the oven.

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Sensational Sale of Used Cars

They Are all Priced to Move Quickly

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SIKESTON LOADED FOR SANTA CLAUS

This season of the year is one that finds stores all over the land filled to overflowing with things to gladden the hearts of old and young alike.

Sikeston has heretofore carried an immense line of staple and fancy articles suitable for presents for rich and poor alike, and this time of year we should all feel rich for a short time.

From the looks of the show windows and the stocks inside, Sikeston is stocked as never before, the merchants feeling that Christmas comes but once a year and it being the time when all should enter into the spirit of the season, they will have no trouble to outfit Santa Claus with the good things to eat, to wear, to please the eye and to gladden the heart.

Our merchants are using advertising space liberally to tell of the wonderful things and your purchases can be held for you until nte last minute.

The thing is to shop early while everything is fresh and the lines are full. You will be better satisfied and the merchant will be better satisfied.

If your package is to be sent away, the post office and express officials would rather have them come early so they can be delivered before the last minute rush that usually comes the last three or four days before Christmas.

"Remember the days of thy youth" and let your thoughts turn back to childhood and to what Santa Claus meant to you, then let your conscience and your pocketbook be your guide.

BOOSTERS TO CHARTER SPECIAL TRAIN OR BUSSES FOR CRYSTAL CITY GAME

Malden, December 4.—Business men of Malden, believing in the high school football team, will charter a special train or a squadron of motor busses to go to Cape Girardeau, Friday, for the intersectional football game with Crystal City.

Banks will close for the afternoon and business generally will close for the occasion. It is estimated that more than 200 will go from here.

The Malden team, accompanied by Conch Muir and other school officials, will leave here Thursday, work out that afternoon on the Cape Girardeau field, and will spend the night at the Hotel Marquette.

POPLAR BLUFF MAYOR SUSPEND POLICE OFFICERS

Poplar Bluff ,December 4.—Mayor John W. Berryman today suspended Police Officer Guy Ferguson and Assistant Chief of Police Kent Vanderpool, in connection with the campaign to clean up Poplar Bluff, inaugurated about two weeks ago. The question was presented to the City Council last night and the Council gave him a rising vote of confidence. The suspension followed. Mayor Berryman told the Council that after 30 days, if the Council desired, the officers could be restored to office.

The mayor would not divulge the character of charges against the police officers, but his action followed conference with Chief of Police Bob Davis and a thorough investigation he said.

The railroads of this country carry about 875,000,000 pay passengers a year and the electric railways some 12,000,000,000.

Many sincere drinkers must have cast their ballot for the Republican nominee. The non-enforcement of the law, they said, should remain in the hands of a party which is experienced in that line of work.—New Yorker.

Sealing Wax Artcraft



The decorative tree pictured is an exponent of the new sealing wax art which women everywhere are taking up with such enthusiasm. Each leaf is formed first of paper and wire, being cut to pattern. Then each is painted over with dissolved amber sealing wax which gives it a beautiful enamel surface. Gilt sealing wax is piled up for the base which holds the gold-covered trunk of the tree. Electric light bulbs are concealed under clusters of handmade date palms.

Christmas in the Hospital

By FRANK H. SWEET

BIG JOHN GIBBS was happy that Christmas, though he lay quiet on a bed in a hospital, with a prospect of remaining three months longer. The doctors had decided his chances were not encouraging, and he had come to that conclusion himself. Then had come the changing of the decision. He would live, though it would take months for the mending. He could go on again with his big enterprises, as he had been planning. He was too young to die, anyway, and there was so many things ahead that he wanted to do.

He had tried to save a few minutes by racing with a train, but the train had been the faster. He knew about such things. He had often read them. He had not saved the few minutes. They had stretched to more than three months. But he would live, when he had felt sure he would die. So he was happy.

Lying there he realized there were many visitors going through the hospital, for it was Christmas. There were children, too. He knew by the voices, and by the patter of small feet. Then he heard some one say a supposed patient had gone away, convalescent. Evidently they had brought things for him, and were now looking about for another to give them to. He had a feeling that they were looking at him, and he closed his eyes and feigned sleep. He did not want any of their charity.

But lying there he had a sort of sorry feeling for himself. He had no children. He had been too busy in the quest of fortune to ever marry. The visitors walked on, and he lay there quietly content and curiously happy. He was going to live, when he had been sure he must die. He could go on with his work. There was no hurry. He was young yet.

With his eyes closed, he drifted off —and was asleep. He did not hear soft little footsteps approaching, and if he had he would have repelled them. He thought he did not like children. But he did not know.

Then two little arms went around his neck, and a childish mouth was pressed against his, then he knew.

"I love you because you are sick," she whispered.

When he found she was a poor child of one of the hospital workers, he sent out for an armful of Christmas gifts, and banked a hundred dollars in her name.

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THE CHRISTMAS TREE

THE sun streamed through the window-glass. They stood admiring what was left of Christmas—a handful of wazen stubs, some tarnished tinsel and a few colored bulbs; a dusty shrub spilling needles on a soiled sheet. Then a shadow hid the sun!

They did not see through the window the giant elm with its carpet of frosted crystals, its branches of prisms and pendants and convolutions. God touched the switch, the sun came out and nature's Christmas tree stood glittering and sparkling with gems too precious ever to be possessed but free for the poorest beggar!—Mabel Atkinson in the Prism.

Exclusive



He—How do you like my Christmas present, dear?

Modern Flapper—Mother says I should never accept inexpensive presents from boys.

An Anti-Noise Opinion

She—I suppose you are familiar with Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

He—Well, not exactly familiar with it, but I heartily approve of it. One of the best things he ever did was to invent a Christmas Carol that people could read quietly instead of trying to sing.—Boston Transcript.

The Modern Christmas

Give us the new-fashioned Christmas, telephone and radio, "movies" and the airplane and the motor car, freer spirits and a thousand new points of contact; these are the gifts that mankind has given to all mankind to enrich and magnify life.—Woman's Home Companion.

Opening Saturday December 8th

9:00 A. M.

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Whiz-Bang's organization with its intimate and constant affiliation with the foremost manufacturers and mills will establish a new standard for value giving to the people of Sikeston and trading community. Whiz-Bang, by word of mouth or in their advertising, will at no time permit exaggeration of their merchandise. Whiz-Bang will gladly refund the purchase price or exchange merchandise which you have selected and for any reason does not meet with your approval.

Overalls
Men's extra heavy 220 weight denim blue overalls, all sizes
89c

Men's Blue Work SHIRTS
Extra heavy quality, coat style, two pockets
50c

Men's SOX
All colors and sizes
5c

Men's Underwear
Men's extra heavy ribbed union suits, all sizes
95c

MEN'S UNDERWEAR
Shirts and drawers in heavy ribbed, all sizes, per garment
50c

Men's Dress SHIRTS
Beautiful patterns, fast colors, all sizes
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Men's Dress PANTS
in dark and light patterns, all sizes
$2.95

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Blue and brown, all sizes
$2.69

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All colors and sizes
$1.98

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Beautiful patterns, all sizes
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Ladies' Coats

NEWEST STYLES AVAILABLE AND VERY NEATLY TRIMMED

$9.95 $19.95



Ladies' Millinery

Consisting of the latest materials, small and large shapes and all head sizes

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Ladies' Dresses

Consisting of Crepes, Velvets, Georgettes, Satin Back Crepes, and all the season's most popular materials.

$4.95 $6.95 $9.95 $12.95

TOILET GOODS SPECIALS

Three Flowers Face Powder	59c	Colgate's Tooth Paste	19c	Mavis Talcum Powder	19c
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Pond's Cold Cream	29c	Ipana Tooth Paste	39c	Pebecco Tooth Paste	39c
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Ladies Hose
Full fashioned, strictly first quality, all the wanted shades
97c

Gingham
Real good quality, checks and plaids, per yard
5c

Domestic
Good quality brown domestic, per yard
5c

Fairy Percales
Fast colors, beautiful patterns
15c

English Prints
Fast colors, beautiful patterns
19c

Ladies' Print and Gingham Dresses
Neatly trimmed, all sizes
99c

Ladies' Outing Gowns
Heavy quality
69c

Stitched Cotton Batts
2 1-2 pounds - - 79c
3 pounds - - 98c

Ladies' Silk Rayon Bloomers
All colors
69c

Childrens Ribbed Unions
For boys and girls all sizes
47c

SOUVENIRS FOR THE CHILDREN

Pass-It-On Presents

By L. B. LYONS

THE widow Halderman and her daughter had no money to spend on Christmas shopping but there was one, little Jane McMurray, a cripple, to whom they would like to have given the best that money could buy.

"Well, if we can't buy something for Jane, haven't we something about the house that we could give her?" pleaded Sheila Halderman of her mother.

"I can't see one thing about the house that she needs worse than we do!" the mother sadly informed her daughter after she made a trip about the tiny house.

Just then, little Sheila spied something. Clapping her hands, she ran to the window sill and grasped a huge geranium which she herself had grown from a seed which had been sent gratis to her with a flower catalogue. The plant bore four bright red blooms and many buds. "Mother, little Jane needs that worse than we do," she exclaimed.

So it was, that eve, Sheila and her mother took the gay flower to Jane as a Christmas gift. They had spent many minutes over the wrapping and tagging of the little parcel. Some one had sent them a plate of cookies once upon a time, under which they had found a beautiful paper lace doily. This very doily they had used to wrap the unsightly flower pot.

From a last year's calendar, the Haldermans had clipped a huge holly wreath which they had pasted upon cardboard. Then had come the wording. They had finally decided upon: "For some one who needs this worse than I do!"

Little Jane was delighted and hugged the beautiful plant almost to the point of crushing it. She thanked them again and again and they noted tears of joy stream down her cheeks.

A few days later Sheila went down to see Jane again and the first thing she noticed was the absence of the geranium. "Did the flower die, Jane?" she asked, half afraid something had happened to it?

"No dear," Jane answered, "but I read the tag that was on it and I got to thinking there was poor Jimmy Miner up there in Mercy hospital with nothing but that white painted ceiling to look at, so I decided he needed that flower more than I did. I knew you wouldn't care!" And so the Christmas gift from the Haldermans passed from one to another until it had finished blooming.

"To think, mother, we could never have bought gifts for all those people, could we? I am going to plant a lot of flower seeds right away, and get ready for next year's "pass-it-on" Christmas presents.

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SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

WHEN biting north winds sweep across crusted snow and icicles hang from every projecting eave; when hearth fires blaze cheerily, and the odor of pine, and holly, and laurel is everywhere; when the larder is full of good things and the heart is full of cheer—then it is Christmas.

The Spirit of Christmas has never been caught or imprisoned; artists are at a loss whether to portray the cheery elf as a passenger on Santa's sleigh, a friend of his reindeer, or is a glory and radiance that is angelic—they cannot portray it. Christmas is more than December 25. The turning of a calendar leaf cannot bring Christmas. It is not dependent solely upon profusion of good things—it is not contingent upon playtime or music or merriment. Christmas is more than all of these. It is a spirit of good will and friendship. When it breezes in upon us on Christmas eve, we feel its inspiration and joy, and when it passes early in the new year, we regret that it could not remain with us always.

Let us carry a bit of the Christmas spirit with us throughout the year. — W. D. Pennypacker.

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Easy



Miss May Turtle—Suppose some fellow you don't like, tries to kiss you when you're under the mistletoe, what will you do?

Miss Sadie Turtle—That's easy I'll pull in my head!

Millions of Christmas Trees

It is estimated that 5,000,000 Christmas trees are used in celebrating the holiday season in the United States.

MABEL CAN'T DAM UP BORDER RUM FLOOD

Washington, December 3.—Whisky is flowing across the Canadian border into the United States in "immense" quantities and the problem of checking the flow is still unsolvde.

Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, assistant attorney general of the United States in charge of prohibition enforcement, made this frank statement in her annual report submitted to Congress today.

Figures compiled by the Canadian department of trade and commerce indicating that at least $24,397,958 worth of liquor, Canadian valuation, found its way across the border during the year ended June 30, were submitted by Mrs. Willebrandt. At the bootleg prices quoted in the United States this would amount to about $100,000,000.

Whisky shipments alone have increased 75 per cent during the last three years. In 1925 these shipments totaled 665,896 gallons valued at $10,722,988. In 1928 they reached the amazing total of 1,169,902 gallons, valued at $18,883,541. These figures include only whisky imports making no reckoning of other alcoholic beverages.

In theory the Canadian liquor runner clears his cargo regularly thru customs, before proceeding to evade the United States customs in making delivery. It is known, however, that not all of the liquor smuggled across the border passes regularly through the Canadian customs. Thus the amount that flowed in was greatly in excess of that which the customs figures indicate.

While the Canadian problem "continues to be unsolved", the record of foreign ship seizures "would seem to indicate that the smuggling traffic from the high seas through the aid of hovering vessels is diminishing", Mrs. Willebrandt said.

Seizures of domestic vessels during the year totaled 370 as against 320 during the preceding year. Of these seizures, 174 or 47 per cent, were made in Florida Waters, or in that vicinity.

The foreign vessels hovering with supplies of liquor off the coast 'continue to be a source of trouble along the seaboards, east, west and south".

On domestic phases of the enforcement problem, Mrs. Willebrandt reported that 55,792 criminal prosecutions were instituted during the past year, making an increase of 15,020 over the year before.

"BLUE LAW" PASSED AFTER FIGHT ON SUPPOSED BAN

Columbia, Mo., December 4.—Prof. W. C. Etheridge, a member of the City Council, opposes the ordinance against the Sunday movies on the ground that it represents misuse of power and that it draws a false distinction in morals.

"The movie, with all its faults provides a decent form of entertainment", he said. "If it is not immoral during the week, we are brought to an absurd conclusion if we argue, that it is immoral to have shows on Sunday. No mere social program that can possibly be devised can take the place of the spiritual force in the church".

As to the possible detraction to students, Prof. Etheridge says that in universities located on or near large cities where distractions are more boundless, undergraduate scholarship is not inferior to that of students in small towns where distractions are comparatively few.

"I therefore deny the suggestion that our students will be blown like chaff morally or intelectually by the mere addition of a Sunday distraction, in itself not immoral", he said.

Hand-Crocheted 'Bow-Wow'



Did you ever see anything more cunning than this fluffy white puppy? This little dog, which is crocheted of white zephyr, has become the popular hero of the hour, where women are doing fancywork for Christmas. Funny part is, these adorable puppies make as acceptable gifts to grown-ups as they do to infants and older children. While it is a toy-ideal for the child it is also amusingly decorative posed on a cushion in some strategic spot in the room.

EARNINGS OF HUNTER CO. IN YEAR, $158,000

Cape Girardeau, December 4.—E. M. Moore, of Benton, temporary receiver, was appointed trustee in charge of liquidation of the bankrupt Hunter Land and Development Co., at the first meeting of creditors Monday afternoon before Harry E. Alexander, referee in bankruptcy, at the Federal building. The selection was by unanimous consent of the creditors and their representatives.

The meeting, called principally for the purpose of inquiring into the assets of the Hunter company, was of preliminary nature and was adjourned until 1:30 p. m., Tuesday, December 18, when the trustee will report his findings as to the conditions of the Hunter property.

At the meeting it was stated by W. J. Hunter, president of the land and development company since 1920, that during the year 1918, prior to the time the agricultural depression set in in Southeast Missouri, the concern made a net profit of $158,000, which, however, was exclusive of various developmnet taxes. The taxes, he explained, according to the system of bookkeeping employed were credited to the value of the land as improvements, so that the $158,000 cannot literally be taken as net. For the years 1916, '17, '18 and '19, Hunter explained, the company credited itself with an average profit of $100,000.

The firm was organized in 1916 by William Hunter, president until his death in 1919, father of W. J. Hunter, Dr. U. P. Haw, Benton physician, the younger Hunter and his brother, Lin of Caruthersville. Since the death of William Hunter the company has been composed of Dr. Haw and the two Hunters, W. J. as president and Lin as vice-president.

The peak of the company's indebtedness was reached in 1923, W. J. Hunter testified, when the firm had gross assets of $4,163,000 and liabilities of $1,921,000. At that time it owned 72,000 acres of land in Scott, Pemiscot, New Madrid, Mississippi and Stoddard counties. On November 19, when it filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, the Hunter company had an indebtedess of $775,000, ad assets which it valued at $1,258,263.

Hunter estimated that if the company's land in Pemiscot and Mississippi counties could be disposed of advantageously all debts could be paid and there would remain a surplus of $97,000. This, he explained, would be contingent upon receiving $100 an acre for the Pemiscot county land and slightly less for that in Mississippi County, which he admitted to be very unlikely at the present time when little land is being sold.

Examined as to the land holdings of the company, Hunter said that the firm owns 2000 acres between Benton and Morley, a tract referred to as the "home place", it having been in the family longest. About 600 acres of this is uncultivated, Hunter said, and the entire tract is incumbered to the extent of $54 an acre, including taxes for 1928. In Mississippi County the company owns 80 acres of land with an indebtedness of $400, and in Pemiscot couty it has 851 acres which it values at $100,000. It is incumbered approximately $26 an acre. These are the company's largest holdings.

In liquidating the company's assets, Hunter suggested, it may be found wise to drop some of the land for taxes. This, he said, he would advise as to the property in south Cape Girardeau county. Some of the land in Scott county is too poor to attempt to farm profitably, he said, and should be allowed to go for taxes, while other tracts are too highly developed to forfeit and should be disposed of otherwise. All of the Pemiscot county land should be held, he said.

One of the things developed at the hearing was that the Liberty Mortgage Company, of Memphis, on November 20, the day following filing of the petition, started foreclosure procedings on mortagegs on the Pemiscot County lands and advertised for bids in a Caruthersville newspaper, unaware that the Hunter Company was in bankruptcy. After a conference with other creditors the representative of the mortgage company agreed to drop the foreclosure proceedings and suffer the costs.

Handling of the Pemiscot county lands offers a problem which was discussed at some length at the creditors' meeting. It was pointed out that if the land is to be held profitably it must be cultivated, and that the season for engaging tenants is almost over. The scarcity of good tenants who can finance themselves or be financed at a low cost may endanger the cultivation of the land next year, it was said.

Another feature of the hearing was that the Board of Finance of the Methodist church in this area may find itself possessed of approximately 540 acres of land in the vicinity of Delta in south Cape Girardeau county. Originally the board made a loan of $10,000 on the tract and by the payment of taxes and default of interest the past several years this amount has been increased to over $30,000. The representative of the board was the opinion that it might be well to take over the land, a proposal to which no opposition was offered other creditors of the Hunter company.

Refere Alexander, at the meeting, appointed W. O. Bowman of Cape Girardeau as trustee for the estate of W. J. Hunter, who filed a petition in bankruptcy at the time the Hunter company filed. Bowman's bond was fixed at $500, while the bond of Moore, trustee for the company, was not fixed at the time.

Some indication of the extent to which the Hunter company may "pay out" may be given at the second meeting of creditors, December 18, when the trustee has had opportunity to investigate the assets of the firm, it is said at the meeting.

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All Sikeston and for 20 Miles Around Will Be There— For The Greatest Musical Comedy of All Ages—

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM BLODGETT

Watch the date December 8.

Bazaar and bake sale at Blodgett Mercantile, December 8. Come and get your Xmas gifts.

Mrs. James Peal and daughtre visited relatives at Vanduser, this week.

Mrs. Carl Rickard and baby of Flat River are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Pearman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Marshall entertained Mrs. Marshall's sister and brother of St. Louis this week-end.

Mrs. Mary L. Parker entertained the Baptist Missionary Society Monday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Neinstedt and daughter visited relatives at Marion, Tenn., Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Mary A. Ogilvie of Charleston and granddaughter, Mary Margaret, of Chicago spent the holiday with Dr. F. L. Ogilvie at the W. H. Stubbs home.

Misses Mary Davis and Lorene Hamby visited friends at Sikeston Friday

Rev. Doss and family vsiited relatives at Parma Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Marshall entertained several friends for Thanksgiving dinner.

Mrs. Dell Sweerly was a Morley visitor Monday.

Thad L. and Porter Stubbs visited friends at Delta Saturday.

Mrs. Harry Stubbs and mother accompanied Mrs. Ogilvie home Sunday afternoon and visited a few hours.

Miss Mary Abshier and Miss Evelyn Rexer of Diehlstadt have accepted positions here. Miss Abshier in the dry goods department of Blodgett Mercantile Co. and Miss Rexer in the office of Marshrall Land Merc.

Mrs. W. A. Bean left Sunday for St. Louis, where she has accepted a position.

Mrs. R. R. Reynolds shopped in Cape Girardeau, Monday.

The following teachers were out of town on Turkey Day: Roger Rhodes was at his home at Gideon, Clement Koerber and S. S. Barnes at Cape Girardeau,Miss Freeda Smith visited her brother at Cape Girardeau and Miss Helen Slinkard was with homefolks at Chaffee.

Stephen Peal and wife and brother visited relatives in St. Louis this week-end.

Joe and Len Hatcher left this week for Detroit, Mich., after a month's visit with their grandmother.

rMs. J. F. Nunelee entertained the Woman's Missionary Society Wednesday.

The Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. D. M. Jester, Decemebr 13.

Marvin Brascher is quite sick a tthis time.

Buy your Sunday dinner at the bake sale.

LOCAL NEWS FROM MATTHEWS VICINITY

The football team was given a banquet Monday evening at the Swartz Building by their mothers and Mrs. G. D. Englehart. Supt. Englehart acted as toastmaster and was responded to by members of the team. A reading was given by Donald Lumsden. B. B. Conrad gave several selections on the banjo and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all.

Miss Dixie Hicks was the guest of Miss Marie Benford over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Elderbrook of Indiana are here on a visit to their sons, George and Bill Elderbook and their families.

Ellis Reed spent Thanksgiving with his parents at Oak Ridge. Adrian Andrews accompanied Mr. Reed home.

Mr. Patterson of Lilbourn was in Matthews on business Tuesday.

Billy Walker of Sikeston was here Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Lucy Calvin and daughter, Juanita, and son, Alfred Forrest, spent from Wednesday until Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Calvin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Foster and children of Morley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Englehart Sunday.

Miss Geneva Calvin spent the week-end in Sikeston, the guest of Miss Juanita Calvin.

Clarence Hunott, and Charley Hawkins were New Madrid vsiitors Monday.

Mrs. G. D. Englehart had her cooking club at her home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. G. D. Steele's cooking club gave a demonstration in making biscuits Wednesday. The biscuits did credit to the young ladies.

The Sikeston Standard, $1.50.

FOR RENT—2 furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Call 298. tf.

FOR SALE—Priced to sell quick, two German Police dogs.—L. C. Lear, Western Union Telegraph Office.

Have you tried, — Golden brown waffles, Electrically cooked right on your table.

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BARBER SHOP

TALLY SAMS, Proprietor

Associated with me will be Barney DuBois, late of Decker's Barber Shop

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FORNFELT, MO. DECEMBER 15

A Big Dance Music by "Original Dixie Melody Boys"

Floor Space 100 x 200

Gents $1.00 -:- Ladies 50c



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The man who smokes knows the better flavor of a properly aged cigar, so by selecting his favorite cigar now and keeping it until Christmas, you are aiding to give him a smoke he will enjoy better. Our complete Christmas stocks await your choice.

The Bijou

"Where Good Fellows Meet"

"Daddy" Felker George Lee

Famous Mining Strikes

By THOMAS B. STEWARD

WNU Service

Klondike Gold Rush

GOLD was discovered in the alluvial sand deposits along the border line between American Alaska and the Canadian Klondike as long ago as 1887. For some years after that the number of miners at work in placer mines of that district gradually increased, but it was not until 1897-98 that the richest Klondike strikes were made.

The difficulties of getting into interior Alaska, where the gold lay, were tremendous, yet more than 30,000 miners made this extremely arduous journey in a period of four years.

The name "Klondike" came from the principal river of this famous gold-bearing area, but it was not alone as a wealth producer. Over an area of something like 800 square miles every creek, brook and river was a source of treasure and the sands of every stream were carefully panned by the gold-hungry adventurers.

During the brief three and a half months of the Arctic summer it was a simple matter to wash the gravel along the Alaskan streams, but when winter set in the miners found their problem one of extreme difficulty. Food was scarce, camps were almost unbearably uncomfortable, and, worst of all, the sand and gravel was all frozen so hard that a pick made little impression. Under these difficulties the miners finally adopted the method of building huge fires on the sand at night. Awakening in the morning, they were able to shovel out the sand for a depth of a foot or so. This they loaded up in a stockpile to be washed when warm weather returned and thawed out the frozen mass of gold-bearing sands.

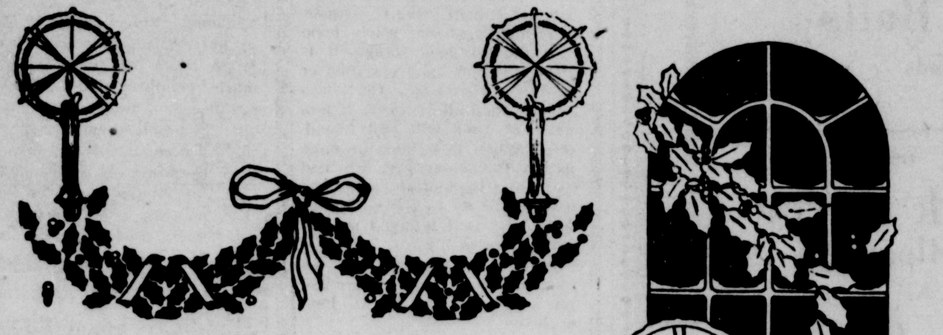
Alaskan gold production reached a maximum of $22,000,000 in 1900, but had declined by 1906 to a little more than a quarter of that sum. The population of Dawson City, the principal Klondike camp, dwindled from 10,000 to 3,000 and then gradually sank still lower. Canadian estimates have placed the total gold extraction on both the Canadian and American sides of the Klondike border at approximately $100,000,000 in the entire period between 1887 and 1906.

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Chair Pin Cushion



Maybe this dainty little bisque flapper will come to dwell in your home. She is ornamental enough to win welcome in any boudoir and on any dressing table. Her "over-stuffed" chair looks massive. It really measures only about five inches. Santa will distribute ever so many of these pin cushions this Christmas.



Christmas

BAKED GOODS



Whatever baked goods you are planning to serve with your Christmas dinner, you will find us well able to supply. Many special Christmas cakes and cookies await your choice.

Prompt delivery of any orders you may wish to phone to 62.

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Candy — Cigars — Tobacco

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Our Special Christmas Stocks Offer a wide Selection of Famous Brand Chocolates

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All Standard Cigars, Cigarettes and Smoking Tobaccos, Pipes of all makes and shapes and prices to suit you.

Dudley's Confectionery

The Return of Anthony Trent

by Wyndham Martyn

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CHAPTER VII

The Letter From Nowhere.

Albert Thorpe, the butler, was the first in the house to awaken. Since Mrs. Grant had ordered him to obey Yeatman implicitly, he slept uncomfortably on a camp-bed drawn across the door of the footmen's room and might not even rebuke them for snoring since his errand was a secret one. At daylight he considered himself free to go downstairs and mix himself a little stimulant. Next he took a handful of sweet crackers from a silver box and opened a door leading to the terrace. Here, every morning, the airedales were wont to wait for the biscuits and hear the jovial sort of talk dogs love.

They were in their accustomed place this morning; but not again would they prance about their friend and show their affection. The man saw instantly that they had come to their end through poison. For all his stately airs and commanding presence, the butler had a soft heart where dogs were concerned. Tears filled his eyes and the desire for vengeance inflamed his heart.

After all, the detective had been right in his precaution if mistaken in his methods. Thorpe immediately sought out Yeatman. Obviously a search of the premises must be made under the detective's leadership.

Mr. Yeatman was not in his room; his bed had not been slept in. It was in another sort of bed he had passed a night full of alarms, cramps and the intrusion of inquisitive rodents. When he came to consciousness, in the cold hour of dawn, he found himself so securely bound that movement was impossible, and so well gagged that he could utter no sound.

He did not doubt that his assailant—no amateur in violence—was a confederate of the woman he had so nearly abducted. He had been incredibly stupid to be so rash. It had always been with him that a woman made him banish his caution. There was the male attitude to dazzle the woman which had been his ruin ere this.

He saw before him only immitigable disaster. While he was lying amid cabbages, the house was being robbed which he had been engaged to protect. He would be blamed for being a bad detective when he had desired to be a successful thief.

Thorpe called up Regan at the garage.

"The two dogs have been poisoned," he announced, "and it's my belief burglars did it. You'd better search the grounds while I go through the house."

Rousing the footman, Thorpe examined the unoccupied rooms carefully and found nothing to alarm him. At any moment he expected to come upon the vigilant Yeatman, whose absence was probably of a nature to be accounted for. Soon the business of the household began.

It was Payson Grant who had the most vivid shock. He awoke at nine, the better for a deep sleep. Those late hours, he thought, played the deuce with him. Hereafter he would retire reasonably early.

He was making new resolutions with all the reckless abandon of an insincere man, when he perceived a folded piece of paper just inside his door. Idly he stooped down and picked it up. He knew in a moment that angular and unmistakable writing. Few knew so well as he the signature whose forgeries had helped to send Sutton to Sing Sing. Grant sank into a low chair and read the message:

"Do not think, because I have so far kept out of sight, that I am out of reach. I am nearer than you imagine. There are bad days coming for you. F. W. S."

Payson Grant was oppressed with a sense of physical fear that overpowered any emotion he had before experienced. He had guarded himself with the utmost care and yet Sutton must have been within a few feet of him as he slept. But for the bolts of fine steel securing the door he would have been killed. Even now the convict might be outside. The cunning criminal would devise just such a plan, hoping to get his man as he rushed out to summon help.

The other door in the room led to a dressing-room beyond which was Natica's suite. Perhaps, even now, Sutton was crouching there ready for vengeance.

He took up the telephone and spoke with Thorpe.

"Send Mr. Yeatman here immediately," he commanded. He had been a fool not to tell the detective about Frank Sutton. What was the guarding of the jewels of his guests compared with his own safety? Yeatman's very presence would bring comfort.

"Mr. Yeatman is not in the house, sir," Thorpe answered him. "His bed has not been occupied. The grounds are being searched now."

"Why?" Grant asked. It seemed odd that before he had told Thorpe he wanted Yeatman a search had been begun.

"The two dogs were poisoned last night," Thorpe answered, "and I suspected burglars."

"Have you looked through the house thoroughly?" Grant was distracted at the news.

"I went into every room where guests were not sleeping. Nothing seemed disturbed. I don't think they got in."

"Yes, they did, you d—d fool," shouted his frightened employer. He hung up the instrument with hands that trembled. What folly for this smug butler to assume there had been no prowlers inside the house. The death of the dogs showed calculated malice. While Yeatman absented himself, a potential murderer had stalked the quiet corridors. It did not occur to Grant that the detective had been attacked. He was used to regarding the police and their allies as resolute men from whom criminals fled.

He wanted to talk to Natica, but between them was the dressing-room



Between Them Was the Dressing-room Whose Door He Dared Not Open.

whose door he dared not open. He called up Thorpe again. "Come to my room at once," he commanded.

"Look here," he began, taking no notice of the butler's aloof manner, "you were wrong about thinking nobody got in last night. They did. I've proof of it. I want every place searched thoroughly." Grant pointed to the door of the dressing-room. "Just take a look in there and see if the window was forced." His fingers closed around the butt of his revolver in the dressing-gown pocket as the man flung open the door.

"Everything seems all right, sir," Thorpe reported.

"You are sure the dogs were poisoned?"

"Yes, sir," Thorpe answered, "and I'd like to get my hands on the men who did it."

"Well, keep a sharp lookout and you may get the chance. Keep everything as quiet as you can till Yeatman comes, and then send him to me."

Thorpe took his stately leave of the frightened man and met the housekeeper in the passage outside the room.

"It's a funny thing," she remarked, "but Mademoiselle Dupin has gone and her bed hasn't been slept in. All her things are gone, and I found this note on a table in the hall; it's her writing."

Natica was surprised at her husband's visit. She was uneasy when she heard of Yeatman's absence, and startled when she learned of the death of the dogs. Had she taken the detective too much on trust, she wondered.

"I don't think you need be alarmed about that. He'll come back."

"That's the least of my troubles," he said gloomily. "Just read that."

"It certainly looks like Frank's writing," she exclaimed.

"It is his writing," he declared "Could I be mistaken? He pushed it under the door while I was lying there asleep. My God! Nat, don't you see how close we've been to murder? He must have stood there in the dead of the night trying to pick the lock. I shouldn't have stood a chance. You know how strong the brute is!"

"Well, we're not murdered," she said soothingly.

"And he's not caught. Something's got to be done. What are our precautions worth if he can get in and threaten me in my own house?"

She broke off to answer the telephone. When she put it down she could see she had received disturbing news.

"What is it?" he demanded eagerly.

"I don't understand it at all," she said, frowning. "Mademoiselle Dupin has gone. Miss Brewen is sending up a note she thinks Mademoiselle wrote and left on a hall table."

"My God!" her husband cried. "More mystery. First Yeatman, and now the French woman. Odd she had to go off like that. By heck, Nat, perhaps she cleared out with Yeatman. He wasn't American born."

He saw his wife turn pale. The thought horrified her. For if these two had gone it meant that they had succeeded in robbing some of Natica's guests. So humiliated did she feel that Payson Grant found himself bundled from the room.

At breakfast the talk was of politics. None had heard of the dead dogs, or were sufficiently interested in the accountant to mention him.

Anthony Trent was down. He wanted to know if Yeatman had been found, what effect Sutton's threat had had upon Grant, and if Mademoiselle Dupin's departure had caused comment. But he got no satisfaction at breakfast. There was a furtive, crafty look about his host, who had evidently steeled himself to betray a jovial heartiness which tasked his energies to enact.

Most of the ladies remained in their rooms. Few of them were slim, and the no-breakfast fad appealed to them as the logical thing. They were all charmed at receiving visits from pretty Natica Grant.

Natica went from the room of the last one of these estimable women, breathing sighs of relief. She had inspected the jewel-cases of them all, and not a piece was missing. The elopement theory was worth considering after all; Mr. Yeatman might still be guiltless of theft, no matter how careless in matters of the heart.

It was at high noon a gardener discovered Pierre Redlich. The Grants were favored with luck. The guests had gone to the Allenhurst Casino to hear the band.

When the detective had recovered from his cramp, and his bruises and scratches had been dressed, he gave a graphic description to his employer. Suspecting that strangers were in the grounds, he had crept quietly along the silent paths, only to run into several evil men. His fight had been heroic. In the end he had been beaten by numbers and thrown over the wall. There was one tall man, a giant, who had been particularly active.

To Payson Grant's ears this could mean only Sutton. Sutton was a big man. He was doubly certain now Yeatman begged to be allowed to snatch a few hours of sleep before he took his tasks up again.

"That's a great relief," Natica said when he had gone.

"I don't see it," Grant said crossly.

"I don't believe Frank ever got in this house at all."

"I'd know his writing anywhere," her husband said stubbornly. "I tell you, Nat, I can feel him here. This thing is going to drive me crazy."

She looked at him impatiently. Man had always seemed to Natica the inferior sex.

"Don't let it make you stupid tonight when the Rixels come to dinner."

"I'm mighty glad it isn't a costume dance," he commented. "I'll swear if it were he'd manage to get in somehow. It's no good calling me down. I'm not built for this sort of life. I don't mind a fight if I've got to get into one. It's the suspense that gets me. That chateau scheme of yours begins to sound pretty good to me. I think I ought to get away for a bit of a change."

"You take it too much to heart. That letter was sent to frighten you, and you're playing his game by being so scared. He can't possibly be anywhere near us."

Under her influence Payson grew more cheerful. He envied her the courage she always showed. At luncheon none would have guessed that she had a care in the world. Natica had declared he was out of danger; insensibly he began to incline to her belief. The presence of other men heartened him, and the cocktails had brought him courage. He hoped there would be no mention of crime during the meal. Trent brought up the subject.

"I haven't noticed the dogs today," he observed. "Usually they look through the windows as we are eating."

Mr. Gimbert could not hold back his direful news.

"Some scoundrel poisoned them in the night. Looks like the work of a gang of crooks to me."

"I'm glad it's nothing so alarming," Natica said. "A careless gardner is to blame. He put poisoned beans in the moles' runs."

"Dogs don't eat beans," said old Gimbert.

"It was the poisoned moles they ate," Natica said, explaining.

Brewster loudly decried the notion of airedales eating dead moles.

"This," said Brewster, conscious that he held the table, "this is just what I have been expecting. If my worthy host and I were in the burglary business we should mark down just such a house as this."

"Nonsense," Grant exclaimed crossly.

"We certainly should," Brewster retorted. "The loot is right here. Last night when I looked round the table I said, 'This place is a magnet that will attract high-grade crooks.' Killing the dogs is the first precaution. Very likely they were scared away before they could get in. Does that mean they've given us up? Not by a long shot. They imagine that we shan't expect them tonight because they failed last night. Ladies and gentlemen, tonight's the night."

"You're crazy," Grant declared rudely.

"I think it's good reasoning," Anthony Trent remarked.

"Well, I'll be there," said old Gimbert. "You can count on me. While some of these lily-fingered experts here were at grammar school, I was trailing Geronimo. Many an Apache I've killed. As for these society burglars, I'd eat 'em up."

"What can be more reassuring than that?" Grant said. He was making an effort to seem at ease. "Godfather, you're elected to patrol the main corridors tonight. You punch the clock at eight and knock off when the help gets up."

"Sure," said Gimbert. "I'll do it rather than let the ladies get nervous." He turned to Anthony Trent. "What about you, young fellow?"

"I'll watch outside," said Trent. "I've a grudge of my own against dog-poisoners."

"Fine," said Grant heartily. This program suited him. "I'll call your bluff on that."

Things were turning out very well for Anthony Trent. It would create no astonishment or suspicion now if he were to be seen prowling about the grounds. He believed, with Brewster, although he had private information which the other did not possess, that Pierre Redlich would make his raid tonight.

"This talk is making the ladies nervous," Grant declared. "If burglars come we shall be ready for them; but it's a million to one they won't come. For heaven's sake, let's talk about something else."

(Continued Tuesday)

German pianos, we are told, have been hard hit. This has occurred in our own hearing.—Punch.

As we undersand it, France and Great Britain are agreeable to any limitations proposal that will leave France with the largest Army and Great Britain with the largest Navy. —Judge.

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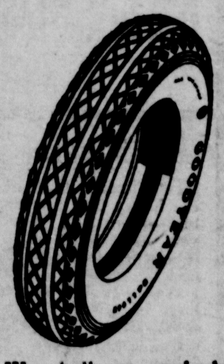
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LIONS TO SPONSOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Harry Young, Dr. H. E. Reuber and Charles Blanton, Jr., were appointed members of a Lions Club Committee to raise funds for the annual Lions Club Christmas entertainment, if possible, through a benefit Sunday motion picture show.

The committee will get in touch with Mr. McCutcheon at Blytheville, Ark., and work out details of the proposal regarding the type and cost of the picture, the date and price. Lyle Malone was appointed chairman of the committee on ticket sales, and was empowered to select his own committee.

The Club seemed to feel that, public sentiment permitting this plan of promoting a benefit movie would not work to the detriment of anyone, and would be a splendid opportunity to finance another Christmas entertainment. It will be recalled that last year the Lions Club raised enough funds to distribute a great number of baskets of food, and several car loads of toys, clothing and shoes to the poor. The theatre management would not derive any part of the proceeds outside of the actual expense of the picture and the necessary labor at the theatre. This of course is still hypothetical and will require Mr. McCutcheon's approval before it can be promoted by the Club.

The Lions also heard a report of the sign committee, who were empowered at a previous meeting to build and erect a sign after their own plans at the intersection of South Kingshighway and Highway 61. The Club was told that the 12x24 foot sign had been completed, and that an outline of the cut-off and the junction with Highway 60 had been painted in one corner of the board, and that the sign would be erected soon.

A letter from H. A. Hill of the department of Lions Club activities was read at the Thursday luncheon meeting. Mr. Hill suggested certain activities of the Club especially with regard to changing certain phases of the parking law in favor of encouraging tourist traffic stop over and shop in Sikeston. He also recommended that the Club advise certain property owners about the appearance of their property along the highway.

MRS. CUNNINGHAM IMPROVES

Mrs. Arthur Cunningham was "getting along fine", according to a report received at the office at five o'clock Thursday evening. It had been reported that Mrs. Cunningham had taken a number of bichloride tablets Sunday morning, climaxing a long illness. Bichloride of mercury is a long-acting poison and is usually fatal in from eight to ten days. However, in this case, an antidote against the poison was administered within a half hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Van Horne spent from Thursday until Sunday in St. Louis.

Mrs. C. Carew and children and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Branum spent Thanksgiving Day with Mrs. Earl Weeks of New Madrid. Mrs. Weeks is a sister of Mrs. Carew and Mr. Branum.

KENNETT ACCEPTS BUCKEYE CO. PLAN

The City Council of Kennett, in a session, postponed from Tuesday until Wednesday night, agreed to accept a contract between the Buckeye Machinery Co. and the City, and sent the revised papers to the said company, whose attorneys and engineers will now reconsider the contract from the company's standpoint.

Mayor N. E. Fuchs, C. E. Felker, J. F. Cox and J. H Hayden met with the Council and conferred with E. L. Miller, representative of the machine company in regards to the proposition. Mayor Fuchs, in explaining the contract Thursday morning, said that under the present contract approved by the City, Kennett is not obligated in any way. The company requires no cash outlay whatsoever. The Buckeye company will build a building, install the plant, and receive its payments from the profits of the venture. After the plant has paid for itself, the equipment will be formally turned over to the city, and in case the proposition fails, the company is to stand the loss and remove the plant. There would be no rate reduction under the present contract, and the city is bound by contract to use the municipal plant for street lighting and pumping water, but is obligated in no other way, acording to Mayor Fuchs.

If the management of the municipal plant takes the precaution to build up a maintenance fund, dictated by any good business policy, the venture should eventually prove beneficial to the City of Kennett. It is true that rates will not be reduced at once, and perhaps never, but if consumers have their choice of paying the profits to themselves in a municipal plant, and of utilizing the money thus derived for city improvements instead of paying out the same amount of money to a foreign utilities company and deriving no excess benefit, it is believed they will grasp the opportunity of "swapping dollars" with themselves and of gaining thereby in reduced taxes for municipal improvements.

'29 GRID SCHEDULE OPENS WITH UNION CITY, TENN.

The season opener on next Fall's football schedule calls for a game with Union City, Tenn., to be played on the home gridiron on October 4. The contract with the Tennessee squad calls for a return engagement at Union City the year following.

Bulldog gridders face an extra heavy assignment throughout the season, with only one snap game and that with Charleston on Turkey Day here. The full schedule follows:

OCTOBER—
4—Union City, Tenn. here.
11—Pleas' Malcolm's team, here.
18—Charleston Blue Jays, here.
25—Malden Green Wave, here.

NOVEMBER—
1—Poplar Bluff Mules, there.
8—Cape Girardeau Tigers, here.
15—Jackson Indians, there.
Thanksgiving Day—Charleston Jays, here.

The U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. Moore Greer Thursday afternoon, December 13 with Mrs. W. T. Marshall of Charleston as hostess. Mrs. Effie Hunter will be leader for the afternoon.

NOTICE to Business Men

December 7th.

The undersigned committee of the C of C will meet the business men and others interested in securing an additional night policeman, in the C of C Hall at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon,

If no interest in this matter is shown by the business men of this town, no further consideration of the matter will be given.

C. H. Denman
J. H. Hayden
Chas. Hebbeler

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

STOP and SHOP at THE WINCHESTER STORE

The National Chain of 6,400 Stores Individually Owned



FOR ALL AMERICA

The Greatest Holiday Gift Event

The National distribution of America's Largest Hardware Organization makes possible these and many other outstanding values in practical gifts.

No. 926—Nickel-plated Alarm Clock 89c
No. W1164—7-inch Winchester Stainless Butcher Knife. 89c
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No. 12PP—Glass Ovenware Pie Plate 69c

BARGAINS GALORE AT THE WINCHESTER STORE

GIVE WINCHESTER— The Best in Skating Equipment



No. 7081KL—Ladies' or 7081KM Men's Winchester Tubular Style; complete; the pair $6.48
No. 6213KL—Ladies' or 6213KM Men's Winchester Hockey; complete, the pair $4.49
No. 6121—Winchester Special Clamp Skates; the pair $1.50

THE KING OF THE SIDEWALK



Swift as a Motor Car — Sturdy as a Truck

This Junior Bike is an unusual value. Bicycle construction, 1¾ inch frame, 1-inch tubular steel fork, 16-inch front, 14-inch rear, wheels. No. W70 $13.50

FOR THE NATION'S BOYS



Winchester leadership makes possible this great value $1.98 Cowhide Football

WINCHESTER



No. W50 $3.00 Winchester finest quality iron. Beautifully finished wrinkle proof — Heats to the point. Standard 6-lb size.



No. W5 $7.50 Winchester Percolator, 6 cup size—The patented construction assures delicious coffee.

WINCHESTER



No. W34 $6.00 Winchester Toaster quickly toasts, crisp brown slices—standard size especially designed.

IT'S TIME TO BUY HIM A WATCH



Standard $1.50 value. Highly recommended for boys and sportsmen. 89c

AGAIN! THE WINCHESTER STORE LEADS IN VALUE

Card Table — A practical gift for the home. For parties, luncheons, and many other occasions.



No. BT12 $1.98

This attractive mahogany finished, rigid, folding table is most useful. Standard 30-inch size Winchester special gift offer.

The Greatest Boy's Gift



No. 635 $1.19

Boy's sturdy Outing Knife—made from extra quality steel.

Flashlights and Batteries



No. W250—W350—W370

Built by Winchester for years of service; complete with batteries.

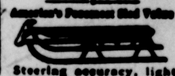
Gift Pocket Knives



No. W12P $1.75

Winchester, extra quality, beautiful patterns, pearl handles. Values up to $4.00. Christmas special.

America's Foremost Sled Value



Steering accuracy, light weight, sturdiness and good looks. No. 196—42in. 48-inch $1.98

OUR EXTRAORDINARY CHRISTMAS SPECIAL



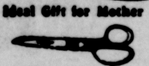
Beautify — Decorate — Genuine Mazda — No. 100 — $1.49

Eight beautifully colored genuine Mazda Christmas tree lights, completely assembled—with special plug for connecting several sets.

No. MAC Extra Lamps Each 10c

STOP AND SHOP

Ideal Gift for Mother



$1.39 No. 628 7-Inch

At 6400 Winchester stores these unusual values in finest quality shears are on display

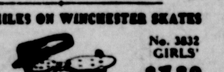
Wonderful Value



$1.79 No. SCS

Convenient, economical and quick way to clean rugs and carpets, rubber tired, reversible handle, complete with bumpers.

MILES OF SMILES ON WINCHESTER SKATES



No. 3831 BOYS' $1.79 — No. 3832 GIRLS' $1.89

Girls and boys recognize Winchester as America's leading skate—built for speed—extra sturdy—a whole of a value.

OUR GREETING GIFT SALE SPECIAL

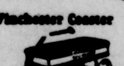


Jar of Joy — Xmas Candy! — Delicious Fruit Flavored — Good to the Last Piece — No. 110C 1 pound Jar — 39c

The extremely low price on this special Christmas Candy is made possible by National Distribution.

COME IN TO-DAY

Winchester Coaster



No. WS1 $5.98

The National standard—Ask the boy who owns one. Special steel construction, Balloon tires, size 16 x 34 "As Good as the Gun."

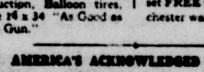
WAFFLE SET FREE



$12.00 No. W36WS

Attractive 4-piece waffle set FREE with each Winchester waffle iron.

AMERICA'S ACKNOWLEDGED LEADER



No. 5091 $5.50

Winchester now offers this high grade, 22 caliber rifle, at an amazingly low price—18-inch blued steel barrel—Shoots shorts, long and long rifle cartridges.

EMBODYING FOR NATION WIDE SUCH GREAT VALUES IN THESE DISTRIBUTION MAKES POSSIBLE SMARTLY DESIGNED PINED GIFTS

Glassware—Pottery — Hand-Painted China



DO YOUR GIFT SHOPPING EARLY

271—Phones—272

Farris-Jones Hardware and Grocery Co.

THE WINCHESTER STORE

MRS. D. S. MATTHEWS DIES AFTER ACCIDENT IN ST. LOUIS

Mrs. Daisy S. Matthews of 5455 Delmar boulevard, wife of Allen J. Matthews, an auditor for the Missouri Pacific Railroad, was fatally injured at 8:25 o'clock last night, when she was struck at Delmar boulevard and De Baliviere avenue by an automobile driven by Bernard Hysinger, 20, of 7274 Maryland avenue, University City. She died at 10 o'clock at St. Luke's Hospital.

Mrs. Matthews was crossing De Baliviere from east to west when she was run down. Hysinger said he was driving west in Delmar and made a left-hand turn into De Baliviere. He said he did not see Mrs. Matthews, and only knew of the accident when he felt a jar.

Mrs. Matthews was taken to St. Luke's Hospital by police. At the hospital it was said she hda suffered a fracture of the spine, fractures of several ribs, a broken left ankle and numerous cuts.

Besides her husband, who is said to be out of the city, Mrs. Matthews is survived by a daughter, Miss Helen Matthews, a student at the University of Missouri.

Mrs. Matthews will be remembered as a frequent Sikeston visitor with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore Greer and family were guests at a family dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Marshall at 6 o'clock Thanksgiving Day at Charleston.

HEADLINE IN ST. LOUIS PAPER GIVES WRONG IMPRESSION ON BANK FAILURE

Both editions of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat of December 5 and 6, carried a misleading headline over the recent bank failure here. The headline reads: "Directors Close Bank of Sikeston", even though the Associated Press story carries out the idea correctly, saying that the Peoples Bank of Sikeston had been forced to close its doors.

Anyone acquainted with the workings of a large city daily will understand how the unintentional mistake occurred. There is just one chance in a thousand that such a headline written to fit one story, within the limits of a certain style head, would create misunderstanding by fitting another case, but this is the one-thousandth case.

No matter where the blame lies, it is a serious matter to charge failure to any bank.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Simmons and Alvin Taylor drove to New Madrid Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Tanner and Mrs. A. C. Barrett drove to St. Louis for a few days' visit this week. They will return today (Friday).

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marshall, Mrs. O. U. Marshall and Dr. Howell of Colorado Springs, Colo., were dinner and overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Moore Greer last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Greer joined them at dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Marshall Sunday.

WHIZ BANG STORE WILL HAVE GRAND OPENING SAT

Louis Shainberg treasurer of the Whiz Bang Stores, Inc., joined J. E. Morris, district field manager of the corporation and Jeff Meyer, local manager, Thursday and remained here to supervise the opening day preparations.

Work on the modern display windows is rapidly being finished, and a large sales force has been employed in preparation for the big opening sale Saturday.

Mesdames Earl Arthur of Poplar Bluff, Orlando Arthur and Miss Helen Welsh will drive to St. Louis Sunday for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Anderson of Commerce were supper and overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Applegate, Wednesday veening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Branum and Miss Lula Murriel drove to Hugnes, Ark., Saturday, returning Sunday night. They were accompanied home Mrs. Branum's brother, Henry Muriel.

Mr. Robert Streeter of Memphis, Tenn., and Mrs. Marie Thompson were married November 29 by Rev. S. P. Brite at the Brite residence. They will make their home in this city.

Mrs. Lyman Bowman entertained last Saturday evening, complimenting Miss Clara Lindley, who will be leaving for a visit to California, in the near future. Miss Camile Klein entertained Tuesday evening and Mrs. Charles Lindley entertained Thursday evening for Miss Lindley.

BUS WRECKS FORD AND INJURES DRIVER

D. L. McElroy, of the Hughes & McElroy Furniture Co., on North Kingshighway, suffered cuts and bruises and his Ford touring car was wrecked, when he drove in front of a Eastbound Scoffield bus, shortly after noon Tuesday. Three passengers on the bus, bound for Cairo, Ill., and the driver, Roy Deline said that Mr. McElroy drove across the tracks and was on Malone Avenue without attempting to stop or slow down. They reported him going about 35 miles per hour when the bus crashed into the side of the car. Mr. McElroy, who was taken to the hospital immediately after the accident, could not tell how it happened.

"I was going home for dinner", he said, "and was driving south on South Prairie street. I crossed the intersection and the next thing I knew, I was up in the air". The impact hurled him clear of the wreck, whether through the windshield or through the side curtains, it is not known; but a patch of skin on the radiator leads to the conclusion that he was thrown through the broken windshield and out over the front of his car. He escaped with several severe scratches and cuts on his left arm, a facial wound and a wrenched back.

The Ford was hit from the front door back. The whole right side is caved in, running board and fender smashed and every spoke was broken out of the rear right wheel. The blow split the axel housing and probably sprung the frame. McElroy had just recently had his car overhauled, and it was fixed for the winter with a new top and new side curtains and a new front spring. A wrecker towed the remains to Matthews Garage.

The bus proceeded on to Cairo after names and addresses of the three passengers had been taken. The Charleston office was notified of the accident.

Miss Lucille Finley had the following young ladies for dinner Sunday: Misses Alice McKarney of Kennett,

CAGE WORK STARTS AT LOCAL H. S. COURT

With two letter men of the last season back around which to build his basketball squad, Coach Whitmer is holding sessions regularly on the local court in order to build up the rest of his squad. Capt. Leonard Watson, forward of last season and Weldon McDorald are the men who won letters in the sport last year. The other three regulars must come from the following crop of prospects: J. H. and Anderson Hayden, Garth Doss and J. F. Cox, who participated in the '27-'28 games, and from the following who have turned out for practice this fall: Douglas Nichols, Emory Rose, Standford Jones, Billy Fox, Tom Lancaster, Conley Purcell, Bob Mow, Jr., Rudel Daniels, Paul Crain, Shelburn Brewer and Earl Keller.

Nell Littleton, star on the girls' team last season, will be captain this year. Miss Lottie Dover, coach, has eight other prospective players from which to pick her starting quintet against Bloomfield next Friday: Helen Baker, C. Trousdale, M. Baker, Margaret Whidden, Lillian Reiss, Gladys Conley, Imogene Albritton and Evangeline Gillian. Both squads are showing considerable strength in pre-season practice and should develop some real opposition for any visitors who happen to chance on local ground.

Highest KROGER'S Lowest

Quality Prices

CORN-TOMATOES standard Peas-GREEN BEANS no. 2 can		3 for	25c
Beans	Avondale Green Fancy No. 2 can	3 for	35c
Milk	Pet Wilson Garnation 3 Large cans	29c	Country Club 3 25c
Preserves	Assorted Flavors	2 Large Cans	37c
Cakes	Coconut Marshmallows	per pound	17c
Mixed Nuts per lb.			30c
Dates	bulk per lb.		10c
Fruit Cakes	3 lbs. each 2 lbs. each		$1.35 85c
Xmas Candies	Cut Rock lb. Avondale lb.		16c 20c
Layer Figs	Per lb.		23c
Stuffed Dates	Per lb.		28c
Peanut Brittle	lb.		16c
Oranges Calif.	288s 250s		35c 40c
Grape Fruit	70s		10c
Oleo	Wonder Nut, lb.		20c
Butter	Country Club Creamery lb.		54c
Flour	Country Club Pancake pkg.		10c
Oats	Country Club Small pkg.	3 for	28c
Cornflakes	Country Club pkg.		10c
Rice	bulk, 3lbs. for		20c
Celery	per stalk		12½c
Lettuce	Iceberg per lb.		10c
Bananas	3 lbs.		25c

SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

ISSUED TUESDAY AND FRIDAY AT SIKESTON, MISSOURI

Entered at the Postoffice at Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, as second-class mail matter, according to act of Congress.

Rates:
Display advertising, per single column inch, net 25c
Reading notices, per line 10c
Bank statements $10.00
Probate notices, minimum ....$ 5.00
Yearly subscription in Scott and the adjoining counties $1.50
Yearly subscription elsewhere in the United States $2.00

The Standard is firmly convinced that a municipal light plant would be a benefit to Sikeston. Kennett closed a deal this Wednesday night with a machinery company whereby the city would not be obligated in any way financially, and would in the course of time own its own plant. Conditions may be such that a similar proposition will be available for Sikeston, and when the time comes for action, the public should be prepared to express itself favorably or unfavorably through the City Council. It is whispered about that the Utilities Company is about to offer the City a better rate for street lighting and for pumping water. Well and good. Money saved is money earned, but if that commercial rate is possible, perhaps another reduction for home consumption of electricity should be insisted upon. Regardless of that fact, if a thorough consideration of initial and running expenses is considered, and if a municipal plant can operate here at a profit, then we favor such an installation here.

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We regret deeply to chronicle the fact of a bank failure in this city. Adverse criticism directed toward those officers in charge are in a large measure unwarranted. This bank failure, and hundreds of others in similar straights, has been caused by conditions other than man made. Rains, floods, hails—these have played havoc with hundreds of large and small landowners, who find themselves unable to meet their obligations to banks. The land is as valuable as ever, and given two favorable seasons, these same landowners and farmers will again be able to bring their paper to par and above. We hope the reaction will be temporary and that conditions are not as bleak as they seem now.

Columbia, Mo., has passed a blue law against Sunday picture shows which leads us to wonder if the picture show people will see that old blue laws are dragged out in that town and enforced. This law at Columbia means that students of both sexes will take to the highways, byways and road houses, to pass away their time on Sunday. The baggy breeches boys and flapper girls cannot be forced to attend church and the picture show is away ahead of some other kinds of amusements.

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Word from home tells us that our sister, Miss Lillie Blanton, was placed in plaster casts at the Woodland Hospital, Moberly, Mo., to brace her back where she was hurt in a fall. Two bertebra were crushed, but she was cheerful and hopeful.

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Dr. Handy Smith has opened a dental office in the old stand formally occupied by him. He has a new and beautiful equipment and it ought to be a pleasure to sit in the new chair and have a tooth pulled.

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Well, Alden, here's hoping for a few more "pennies"!

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In the president's last message to Congress: "Our foreign relations are peaceful and trustful. To keep them so we need more cruisers". Ye Gods and great chunks of baloney. To keep the baby quiet and restful, give a handful of butcher knives, or a nice basket of lizards.

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Now that the 1928 foobtall season has been put to sleep with some tears and a few regrets and not a few good words, we can now turn our attention to other athletic events at the school. Basketball opens up with both teams in action at Bloomfield in another week, and then the Malden boys and girls will visit us for a go 'round here. A good turn out at the start of the season will mean much for team spirit, interest and incidently also, the finacial success of the season.

Capt. E. T. Wheatley visited with the Howitzer Company of the 140th Infantry of Lutesville Thursday. He was on schedule to take inventory for the organization in the afternoon and to review the company that evening.

Mrs. Loomis Mayfield and son, Loomis, Jr., will go to St. Louis Friday, where they will visit over the week-end with Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Yount.

$2,000,000 PAID UNITED STATES AGENTS AS DRY GRAFT

Detroit, Mich., December 3.—With estimates before it that liquor graft in the customs border patrol service in the Detroit area annually approaches $2,000,000, a Federal grand jury today will resume its investigation in an effort to determine the scope of the alleged corruption.

Thirteen customs inspectors have been arrested thus far on charges of accepting bribes and tributes in a conspiracy to permit wholesale liquor smuggling from Canada. John R. Watkins, United States District Attorney, has estimated that approximately 100 inspectors will be dismissed from the service before the investigation ends and that half of the number of "liquor barons' will be indicted.

Watkins expects it will be necessary to bring a crew of customs agents here from other cities to replace the present patrol.

The grand jury took up the case following arrest of the 13 inspectors on information supplied by undercover investigators. Watkins said 20 to 30 other members of the patrol probably will be indicted. The undercover men were brought here on orders from Washington and their investigation was understood to have been conducted over a period of about eight months.

Six inspectors arrested were said by Federal investigators to have talked "freely" before the grand jury.

The estimate of $2,000,000 in tribute collected annually from liquor runners was based on the statement of Watkins that an average month's split of an individual member of the patrol was $1700 and that approximately 100 men are involved. The estimate is bolstered by previous estimates of prohibition enforcement officials that the liquor smuggling business in Detroit area amounts to approximately $50,000,000 a year.

Summer C. Sleeper, head of the customs patrol forces, was quoted as having stated that tribute has been paid on liquor smuggled into this country across Detroit River.

REHEARSALS CONTINUE

Practice sessions for the presentation of the operetta "The Gypsy Rover" on December 18 by a high school cast of boys and girls are being held nearly every afternoon after school hours. Miss Lillian Shields is director of the production.

AS I SEE IT

By I'm About Town

A "new family" had moved into a neighborhood, and an addition to the city census was expected soon. A kindly woman in the neighborhood dropped in one afternoon and asked whether the prospective mother had prepared the necessary clothing for the addition. The dear little thing came back with: "Why no, I thought they came with the baby".

This did not happen near Sikeston, but it did happen.

Here of late the radio programs sound something like this: This program comes to you through the courtesy of the Amalgamated Dish Rag Manufacutrers. Every time you sideswipe a plate with the improved A & D dish rag, you can think of this remarkable vocal solo. Then your turn the dial. "The Whoozit Washing Machine Company play boys will now entertain you with a few selections. The first number will be the Monday Blues .....(music). Then follow in close procession programs by the Associated Gasket Makers, The Confounded Thimble Trust and the Neverleak Hot Water Bag Makers, and after each presentation, there follows a plea by the announcer for the particular ware. Oh, it's a great life nowadays over the radio.

Rex, one of our paper carriers says, judging from the amount of oil his ma has given him, he ought to be water-proof by now.

We notice that they have started to use the scales of herring for manufacturing "pearl" buttons. Now if some bright fellow will utilize the characteristic herring smell we might be tempted to eat herrings, but that brings up another question. Would a herring be a herring without that herring odor?

Now they have a brother and wife living in an "income" bungalow. Takes all that comes in to keep it up we suppose.

But they can't fool us, the rent goes on just the same, no matter what they call 'em.

A bank closed on account of "frozen" assets, and that same day a cold wave hit the country. Coincidence or consequence?

Something ought to be done about these birds, who approach one with musical "how DO you do's" and the "GOOD mornings", that sound like a combination gargle and an adaptation of a rain crow's yell, or whatever rain crows do.

The longer we stay in the newspaper game, the more we are convinced that you can't please everyone. It's a bitter pill to swallow, but it seems that everyone connected with a paper has a certain amount of hell to catch anyway, so why worry about the kicks.

Ever get a laugh out of the daily news? Consider the case of the California woman who threw an alarm clock at hubby and is now suing for divorce. He wouldn't get up, so she threw the clock at him. She lost a clock and her husband, but she gained her freedom and enough alimony to buy half a dozen more clocks. Not so dumb.

He got a sore head, lost his wife, his clock, his spending money and his temper, and had freedom forced upon himself.

He should be thankful that it wasn't a Big Ben.
Or a grandfather's clock.

The statistics show that most modern men use a safety razor, but how many nowadays have a baby raiser in the house?

There's a time for everything they say, but when the time came, he did not get up so she threw it at him.

The Kansas City Times must have a pretty good judge of editorial material at the head of its Missouri Notes Col. About twice a week, he quotes the Twice-a-week Standard and naturally his col. is much improved thereby. Some of the other contributors get a pretty good break the way things are now with us only producing two sheets a week.

SIKESTON MASONS TO ELECT OFFICERS THURSDAY

The annual election of officers for the coming year in the local chapter of the Masonic Lodge will be held on Thursday night at the Odd Fellows' Hall, in connection with the regular meeting.

John Reiss, who has been critically ill with pneumonia, is reported to be better.

The Wind Up!
The Finish!
The End!

We have sold during our "Going Out of Business Sale" the greater part of our stock at prices about fifty cents on the dollar. While we have left a number of items of good seasonable merchandise. Yet me cannot afford to continue in business with our stock broken as it is. So the time has arrived for the wind up—the finish— the end! We must get out in the next few days, regardless of the loss it will stand us. Every article in our store is being remarked with prices cut deeper than ever for this—

FINAL DRIVE
Starting Saturday
December 8th—

every piece of merchandise we have must move and go quick, so it will pay you to come and see for yourself, if we have what you can use, you will be the winner. We cannot go to the expense of getting out a big descriptive sale bill just to let the public know that our goods will go at almost give away prices during the next few days. So a WORD to the WISE is sufficient.

The Mathis Store
Across Street from Old Location Next to Van Dyke Studio
North New Madrid St. Sikeston

POPULATION OF SIKESTON INCREASES BY 2 SINCE TUES.

Nedra Joan Schroff was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lyon Schroff, 205 Kendall St., Tuesday, December 4, and another citizen also a girl, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Beaty on Wednseday December 5. The Beaty girl has not been named. Both daughters and their mothers are getting along fine, according to Dr. G. W. Presnell, the attending physician.

Mrs. Ranney Applegate is expecting her sister, Mrs. C. L. Clary, of St. Louis, to make her a visit this week-end.



MAY VALENTINE
Who is conducting the Orchestra with the charming Operetta "Firefly", by Rudolf Friml composer of "Rose Marie", "The Vagabond King", and "The Three Musketeers".

A "CZAR" FOR AGRICULTURE PROPOSED IN NEW FARM BILL

Washington, December 4.—The new farm bill introduced today by Senator McNary of Oregon provides for a reduction in the proposed federal farm board from twelve to six members.

The chairman of the board is to be appointed by the President, who is to name his salary as well. The salaries of the other five members are fixed at $12,000 annually. The chairman of the board is to be the principal executive officer.

President-elect Hoover is understood to have advanced the proposal for a chairman without salary limit, the purpose being to give the President wide latitude in the selection of a man of known executive ability. It is suggested by persons who were consulted by Senator McNary that the chairman will be much more important to agriculture than the secretary of agriculture.

Mrs. More Greer will entertain the Friday Bridge Club Friday afternoon.

Miss Camile Klein entertained the Tuesday Club at her home Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Slack returned from Vinta, Okla., Thursday, where they had been to attend the funeral of Mrs. Slack's father.

The Young Ladies' Missionary Society of the Christian church met with Mrs. Moore Greer Wednesday evening. The next meeting will be held Wednesday evening, January 9, with Mrs. Camile Stone.

BELL FINED $25 IN PROFFER CASE—JUDGE STAYS JAIL SENTENCE

Charges against Hannibal and Lonnie B. Hunt and Rufus Rasberry, colored youths, who were in court Wednesday, November 28, were dropped; but Judge Myers assessed a fine of $25 and a six-month jail sentence against the oldest member of the quartette, George Bell. George paid his fine and costs and the Judge waived the stay in the holdover.

The boys brought on trouble with Clarence Proffer about a week ago. The latter charged the boys with disturbing the peace and with displaying dangerous weapons on a small road after the boys refused to allow Proffer to pass the boys' wagon in his car.

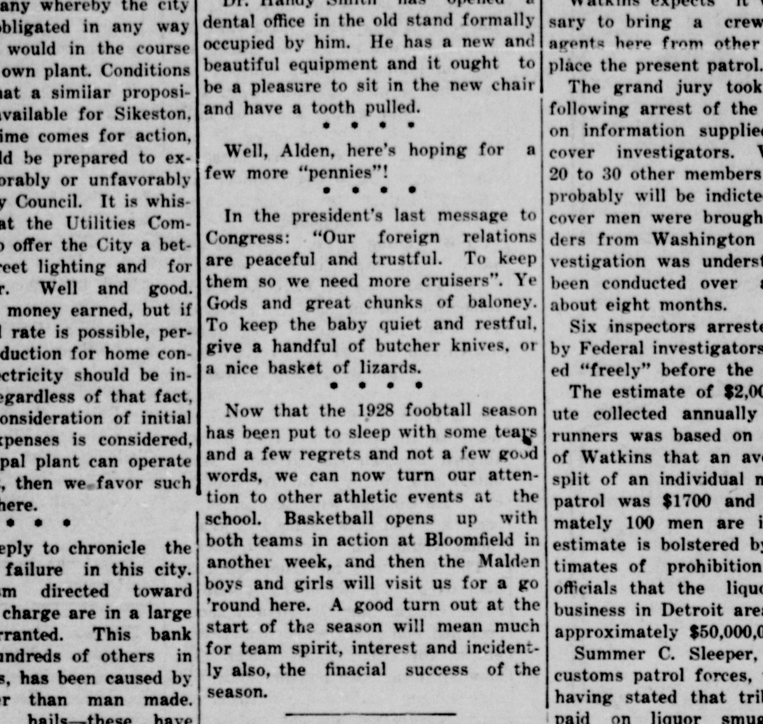
AUXILIARY NOTES

The Auxiliary held their regular meeting with Mrs. E. T. Wheatley on Wednesday evening. The Auxiliary will assist the Legion in sending a Christmas box to one of the Veterans' Hospital and they will also make Christmas bright for one of the Veterans' family in Sikeston.

The Auxiliary selected the flower bed in the southwest corner of the Legion Park and will take charge of same in the spring.

The membership committee reported 24 paid memberships for the year 1929.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. W. A. Anthony on December 19.



A Bright Warm Home

A bright, warm home is well within the reach of all, since any family in town can have plenty of heat by simply calling on the phone, and telling us to send them a load of *Zeigler* coal. We have it in the right grade to fit your needs.

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2 MILES EAST OF COMMERCE ON BENTON ROAD

Thursday, December 13th, 1928

BEGINNING AT NINE O'CLOCK

HOFFMAN & HARMON

NEW MADRID COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

The seed testing service which has been available for the past 3 years to New Madrid County farmers will be continued again this year through the County Extension Agent Scott M. Julian. Farmers who are saving their seed or who intend to buy seed from sources which are not reliable or do not give germination tests are urged to bring or send a small sample to the County Agent's office. The seed will be tested without charge and the farmer notified of the result of the test. In the past, a number of farmers have been saved time and money by learning before hand that the seed that they intended to plant were not of sufficient germination to produce a stand. Maximum yields cannot be secured from inferior seed and even when ones financial condition is at the straining point it is good business to use good seed of a known germination than to take a chance planting seed of an inferior quality or which the germination test is not known.

J. M. Klein, a successful farmer living near Sikeston, secured a perfect stand of sweet clover by using ground limestone. That the stand is due to the application of limestone is made certain by a comparison of a check strip in the same field which did not receive the limestone application with the rest of the field which did. The field has a perfect stand in excellent condition, while the check strip is spotted and unhealthy looking. Mr. Klein states that before he began using limestone he had been unable to secure a stand of sweet clover or alfalfa. The stand would come up and in a few months turn yellow and die out. For the past three years Mr. Klein has been liming approximately 75 acres each year, and has had no difficulty whatever in growing the crop.

He applies the limestone to the land several months before he plants the clover or alfalfa. This gives a sufficient length of time for the limestone to partly dissolve and sweeten the soil. Sometimes he spreads the limestone on a young pea crop in the summer and by fall planting time the land is sufficiently sweet to produce a stand. Anyone interested in the use of ground limestone for the growing of alfalfa or sweet clover, are invited to visit Mr. Klein's farm to see the success that he is making with this practice. Other information may be secured from the County Agent, Scott M. Julian.

It is time now that those farmers intending to plant cotton next spring should be considering the variety they intend to plant, and where they intend to secure the seed. Those men who have seed only one or two years away from pedigreed or certified seed can save theirs at ginning time, others who have kept the seed for several years would be benefited if they would get new seed. Where the seed is saved from the same strain for a number of years, they gradually lose some of their desirable qualities and as some farmers would say 'run out". It is a very good plan to get new seed of a pure bred or certified strani every two or three years.

The varieties recommended for Southeast Missouri, according to County Agent Julian, are Trice and Delfos for the heavier soils, and Acala for the sandier type of soils. The Trice and Delfos are not inclined to make as much foilage as most varieties and can be used on heavy soils without delaying maturity. On the other hand, Acala has a tendency to make heavy foilage and should be used on the lighter type of soils.

LIGHT PLANT IS CLEARED OF INDEBTEDNESS

Poplar Bluff, December 4.—Another record which, it is doubtful, could be equalled by an municipally owned light plant in the United States has recently been made by the Poplar Bluff plant.

In 1927 the city ordered a new 1250-watt turbo electric generator and it was installed and first usde in November of that year. The generator, installed, cost the city $45,000.

A few days ago the Board of Public Works made a final payment of $1,916.66 to the Westinghouse Electric Company, the last payment due on the new equipment.

Every cent of the money paid for the new generator came out of earnings of the plant, and not a dime was derived from any other source. In addition to paying for this $45,000 piece of equipment in one year's time, the plant paid all its other expenses and still has a surplus.

The municipal light plant is a going concern that is making money for the taxpayers every year, and it can easily retire the $225,000 in bonds necessary to build a filtration plant and settling basin without a cent of extra cost to taxpayers or any increase in light or water rates.

NOTICE TO BUSINESS MEN

The undersigned Committee of the Chamber of Commerce will meet the business men and others interested in securing an additional night policeman, in the Chamber of Commerce rooms at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, December 7.

If no interest in this matter is shown by the business men of the town, no further consideration of the matter will be given.

C. H. DENMAN
J. H. HAYDEN
CHAS. HEBBELER

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Mouser returned Sunday from Fredericktown, where they attended the funeral of their niece.

FOUND—A suit case on Highway 61, Sunday. Owner please call 618.

LOST—A Rosary, in a case, in the Legion Park, Sunday. Please return to The Standard office.

A SPRIG OF HOLLY

By BLANCHE TANNER DILLIN

HOLLY and pine wreaths in the windows Christmas greens and tinsel festoons in the shops—streams of shoppers with smiling faces and arms laden with gayly-wrapped parcels—all expressed the happy Christmas spirit.

A mother with a holly wreath in one hand and clasping the hand of a child with the other stopped as the child cried, "Mother, you dropped a piece of holly!"

"Never mind, my dear, we have plenty more," the mother replied as she hurried the child on. And the holly was crushed by the next one.

Nearby a man whose clothes bespoke luxury and ease picked up the little crushed thing and tried tenderly but in vain to smooth out the crumpled leaves. The childhood home of Carter Smith, now wealthy New York broker, had been surrounded by holly trees, with their waxy green leaves and bright red berries, like so many tiny Christmas lights, as he had liked to call them.

There were always garlands of ground pine through the spacious rooms of the old Southern home and holly wreaths in every window. Great fires of fragrant pine roared in the huge fireplaces, filling the rooms with dancing shadows and flickering lights.

Each Christmas morn one was awakened by a black head thrust into the room with the greeting "C'ris'mas gif' Marse Carter," or who ever might be occupying that room. Then the kinfolk arriving all Christmas day with gifts. Then, too, the dances and parties all week until New Year's, were wonderful. That had been years ago, and the intervening years had been too full of other things to even think of those times. It was with shame that he remembered months had elapsed since he had written to his mother, who still lived in the old home. He must go back there some day—then the thought came, "why not go now?"

He thrust the holly into his pocket, hailed a taxi and sped to his hotel, ordered his servant to pack at once—secured train reservation—canceled a house party engagement and was on the midnight train speeding South. In his heart was a song and tucked safely away in his suitcase was the sprig of holly.

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CHRISTMAS CEMENT

By ANNA L. NEWSOM

MOLLIE watched the draymen carrying out the massive furniture and draperies from the apartment below her own.

"How can Alph Cox have such expensive things—working in the same office with Bill—and us—?"

The postman handed Mollie a letter.

"A check from mother for $25. Now I will have that French doll for Betty and the $7.00 train for Harry. Sometimes Bill is downright stingy—and it's Christmas time," said Mollie hurrying to take one more peep at her plum pudding before going to town.

The telephone rang and Mollie heard:

"Oh, didn't you know? He had to leave—spending the firm's money. To Canada, probably—and poor Mrs. Cox. Yes, she says it's all her fault. Oh, running him in debt—and she'd planned such an elaborate Christmas, too."

"More Christmas," asked Bill when Mollie showed him the check?

"No, this goes into the savings. Today I've seen Christmas and other extravagance act as a wedge when it should be a strong cement—binding families together.

"Cox! Yes, too bad."

And when Bill returned from the store that night he mended and painted toys while Mollie dressed dolls. Their Christmas was merry—and it was a cement binding them closer together.

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The Wreath of Holly

The wreath of holly combines both pagan and Christian significance. It it closely allied with the crown of thorns, the red berries probably representing the drops of blood. Less somberly, holly was said to be hateful to witches and was therefore placed on doors and windows to keep them out. In England the holly first brought into the house was said to be a sign of who would rule the house for the ensuing year, the husband or the wife.

Doll Faces Have Changed

Christmas dolls have grown more intelligent. This has been accomplished by the employment of skilled sculptors to put the spark of life into doll faces. During the past decade the expression on American dolls has changed from a stupid stare to an intelligent face bubbling with life.

Christmas Means Hope

Christmas means hope, amid the dull pessimism of a practical and scientific world. It means that when in the falling darkness, man's step is uncertain and his heart fails, the hand of the Almighty intervenes and the ancient promise is fulfilled.—Detroit Free Press.

Did It Ever Occur To You?

There are over 3000 Piggly Wiggly Stores that can now buy together—Just think what an enermous Buying Power! This, we pass along to you—our customers.

Pure Hog Lard, per lb. 14½c	Pears, large can, in syrup 28c
Pure Hog Lard, 50 lb. cans, per can $6.50	Chili, can 10c
Milk, large can 10c	Spaghetti, can 10c
Milk, small cans 5c	Jello, all flavors, 2 pkgs. 15c
Peaches, Calif. Cling, large cans 18c	Coffee, Peaberry, fancy, per lb. 33c
Peaches, No. 2 cans 12½c	Soap, White Naptha, 10 bars 35c
Peas, Fancy Table, No. 2 cans 12½c	Dona Castile Soap, per bar 5c
Kraut, Fancy, 3 cans 25c	Palm Olive Soap, 3 10c bars 20c
Hominy, Fancy, 3 cans 25c	Cream Oil Soap, 2 10c bars 15c
Pinapple, sliced, large can in syrup 29c	Brass Wash Board, each 44c
	Parlor Brooms, a good one, 44c
	Mops, 16-oz. linen, each 30c

A Few of our Fresh Meat Prices

Compare them.

Beef Steak, fancy cuts, per lb. 28c	Beef Roast, all cuts, lb. 20c
Pork Steak or Chops, per lb. 27½c	Side Pork, nice lean frsh side 19c
Pork Shoulders, whole, fresh shoulders lb. 15c	Side Pork, nice lean, salt side, lb 17½c
Pork Hams, whole, fresh hams lb. 19c	Salt Chunk Meat, lb. 13½c
Pork Sausage, pure country style, lb. 20c	Smoked Chunk Meat, sugar cured, lb. 18c
	Bacon, fancy, sugar cured, per lb. 23c

CANDY, a full assortment to pick from, all nice and fresh, pound. . . . 20c

These are not specials. Just our every day prices. Compare them with what you have been paying. We have no delivery, no credit and no premiums to give away----BUT we do save you real money on your groceries and meats.

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Sikeston, Missouri

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How Do You Buy Tires?

Many people buy their tires from us because they like our service. It is a service that is based on years of experience and thru it we are able to insure you for long and satisfactory wear from your tires.

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DIVISION 10 ROAD REPORT

U. S. Route 61—St. Louis-Fredericktown-Sikeston-Arkansas State line

St. Francois County line to Fredericktown (int. U. S. Route 67) five miles. Gravel surface. Good.

Intersection of U. S. Route 67 to Intersection of Route 34, 37.2 miles. Concrete pavement.

Intersection of Route 34 to Jackson (Int. Route 25) 3 miles. Gravel surface. Good.

Jackson to Cape Girardeau (Int. Route 47) 11.2 miles. Gravel surface and city streets. Good.

Cape Girardeau to Ancell, 7 miles. Concrete pavement.

Ancell to Benton (Int. Route 55) 8.6 miles. Gravel surface. Good.

Benton to Sikeston (Int. U. S. Route 60) 18.2 miles. Gravel surface. Good.

Sikeston to point west of New Madrid, 22 miles. Concrete pavement.

Point west of New Madrid to Intersection of Route 82, 4 miles. Gravel surface. Good.

Intersection of Route 82 to Portageville, 13.3 miles. Gravel surface. Good.

Portageville to Hayti (Int. Route 84) 15.3 miles. Concrete pavement.

Hayti to Arkansas State line. 22 miles. Concrete pavement.

JOBS WANTED—For High School pupils. Phone 440. tf.

FOR SALE—Large sized Moore's heater. Fine condition. Phone 22.—C. H. Yanson. tf.

FOR SALE or RENT—4-room house and 3 lots, 927 Vernon Ave. Small payment down, balance like rent.—John Lind, Cape Girardeau. tf.

FOR RENT—2 furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Call 298. tf.

FOR SALE—Priced to sell quick, two German Police dogs.—L. C. Lear, Western Union Telegraph Office.

FOR RENT—4-room house, lights, on North Street, just off the Park.—Mrs. Harry Dover, phone 385. 2t.

FOUND—Lemon spotted bird dog. Bitch. One year old. Owner can have same by identifying dog and paying for this ad.—Charles Hinson. 1t.

AUTO TOPS

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First Class Work Guaranteed Bring Me Your Wrecks

Harry Buckles

Phones 460 and 647



There is always a certain interest in the chorus of any musical organization and especiall does this apply to an ensemble that requires other than pulchritude, bare backs and naked legs. The Firefly Chorus are assembled from the very best of young and wholesome American voices pleasant to hear, and pleasing to the eye.

MALONE THEATRE

7:00 O'clock Nightly



FRIDAY
Afternoon and Evening

"Join the Army and laugh 'round the world."



TWO ARABIAN KNIGHTS

WM. BOYD
MARY ASTOR
LOUIS WOLHEIM

Two doughboys kept the trenches in an uproar, and then convulsed Arabia, its Sheiks and its tantalizing queen of Shebas!

THEY'LL CONVULSE YOU TOO!!!

in the greatest soldier comedy ever filmed.

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PATHE REVIEW & COMEDY

Bargain Matinee Every Friday at 3 p. m. Admission 10c & 25c
Evenings 7:00 and 8:30 p. m.
Admission 15c and 35c

SATURDAY
Continuous show 2:30 to 11:00



HOOT GIBSON IN "THE FLYIN' COWBOY"

AESOP FABLES and Episode No. 2 "TERRIBLE PEOPLE".
Continuous Show 2:30 to 11:00
2:30 to 6:30 Admission 10c & 25c
6:30 to 11:00 Admission 15c & 25c

MONDAY and TUESDAY



The athlete! The daredevil! The adventurer! The idol of all! The international hero! And now, in addition to these—A new Fairbanks—Doug, the lover! He'll thrill you with his deeds of daring! He'll stagger you by his stunts with the Bolas! He'll amaze you with his wild-girl-of the-pampas love! If you liked "Robin Hood" and "The Black Pirate"—you'll rave about "Douglas Fairbanks as The Gaucho!"

NEWS and COMEDY

Barfgain Matinee Monday 3 P. M.—Admission 10c and 25c
15c and 35c
Evening 7:00 and 8:30—Admission

WEDNESDAY



Many a stormy wind will blow till you see another hit as big as
He had sailed the seven seas of romance, but a beautiful Tomboy scuttled his loveship while he was on shore leave. Jolly Jack as a Jolly Jack and Beautiful Dorothy as his gal.

with DOROTHY MACKAILL and JACK MULHALL

NEWS AND COMEDY

Admission 10c and 25c

THURSDAY



Look for the sunshine. Find it with Esther Ralston. Through the twisted ways of godless men she passes to the higher paths. A revealing drama of lives, seeking the way to Paradise, discovering it in simple souls.

COMEDY and ODDITIE

Admission 10c and 25c

COMING—LILLIAN GISH in "THE WIND" and CORINNE GRIFFITH in "THE GARDEN OF EDEN"

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Welter, Mrs. Ray Oliver and Mrs. Harry Dover were visitors to Cape Girardeau Wednesday afternoon.

Reba Rickus of Farmington, Sally and Virgie Spague of Corning, Ark. These young ladies are all students at the Teachers College, Cape Girardeau.

TO ISSUE SPECIAL EDITION SUNDAY

POST-DISPATCH 200-PAGE PAPER WILL COMMEMORATE 50th ANNIVERSARY

In its issue of Sunday, December 2, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch will have this to say regarding its big Fiftieth Anniversary Number:

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch founded by Joseph Pulitzer December 12, 1878, will celebrate its fiftieth birthday on the Sunday nearest that anniversary, which is December 9.

The four-page paper which the founder was just able to get out, with one rickety press, on that first day, will be distributed, in facsimile, as part of a special number of more than 200 pages. Seven special rotogravure sections will contain contributed articles by writers of world eminence, local and historical sketches by well-qualified St. Louis writers, and color illustrations by leading artists.

Since mid-October, the special number has been in process of printing. Plans for the edition were begun nearly two years ago, and representatives were in Europe more than a year ago, enlisting noted writers as contributors. The result of this quest, and the direction which the special articles have taken, are announced in these words:

"The greatest number of the world's eminent thinkers ever grouped in one publication explore the fascinating field of man's achievements and his probably future scores to determine what life may be like on our globe in years to come".

The list of American and foreign contributors will be recognized as containing authorities in science, exploration, medicine, philosophy, history, religion literature industry and government. It includes the names of President Coolidge, Chief Justice Taft, Henry Ford, Owen D. Young, Richard E. Byrd, H. G. Wells, Sir Philip Gibbs, Count Hermann Kepserling, Michael Pupin, Bertrand Russell, James Harvey Robinson, Dean William R. Inge J. B. S. Haldane, Guglielmo Ferrero, Maxim Gorky, Dr. Morris Fishbein, Sidney Hillman, Harrison Estell Howe, Martin Andersen Nexo, Hans Driesch, Prof. Albert Einstein, Stephen Leacock, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Rudolph M. Holzapfel, Benedetto Groce, Paul de Kruif, Dr. Charles Greeley Abbot, Andre Siegfried and others.

Illustrators in color include Max Beerbohm, Louis Raemaekers, Boris Epimov, Abel Faivre, David Low and D. R. Fitzpatrick, cartoonists; Hugh Ferris, art interpreter of modern architecture, and Frank Brangwyn, famous English painter.

Most of the contributors have shaped their articles in line with the clearly defined editorial purpose of the number, which is "to present, in so far as it can be foretold, the drift of civilization, whence it has come and where it is leading us".

While these notable writings were being solicited and prepared, staff and local writers were busy, some being detached from their duties for long periods, in preparation of matter relating to St. Louis past and future, and to the Post-Dispatch and its founder. There is no strict 50-year limit on the historical matter, some of which runs back to voyaguer days and early statehood. Detailed chronology and statistical matter have been avoided. The progress of women, the story of St. Louis society, the sports of fighting, baseball and racing, and the life of Joseph Pulitzer, founder of the Post-Dispatch, with the record of the Post-Dispatch under his personal direction and in later years, are related.

Advertising in the special number will be notable for skillful preparation and artistic presentation, rather than for volume, as the amount of matter accepted was placed under strict restrictions. Because of space limitations, advertising contracts amounting to more than 8000 were rejected. In the special rotogravure sections, 4-color back cover pages sold at $4000 each. None of the advertising is of a congratulatory character. Advertisers were not permitted to compliment the Post-Dispatch on its half-century of growth, but might tell of their own growth in that or any other given period, as some of them have done effectively.

While quality and value are the aims of the special number it may be of interest to state that it will weigh more than three pounds, that is preparation and issuance involve expenditure of $100,000 in excess of the usual publication cost of the Sunday Post-Dispatch. The issue will sell at the regular Sunday price, 10 cents.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Every patient in the Emergency Hospital shows improvement. Dr. H. M. Kendig returned to his duties on Wednesday morning, after a short illness which confined him to his home since Sunday.

$20,418,260 FOR 1929 MISSISSIPPI SYSTEM PROJECTS

Washington, December 3.—Improvement of river and harbor projects throughout the country and their maintenance will require $50,781,8000, exclusive of Mississippi River flood control work, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1930.

Major-General Edgar Jadwin, chief of the Army Engineering Corps, submitted estimates of the various projects to Congress today with his annual report showing that $47,295,276 was expended on these projects in the year which ended June 30, 1928, and that $73,181,490 was available for the work during the current year which ends June 30, 1929.

Seacoast harbors and channels will require $20,418,260, while the Mississippi River system will require $20,033,000. Lake harbors and channels will require $4,897,500 and internal waterways $3,491,500.

New York harbor and adjacent bays and river channels including the Hudson have been listed for an aggregat eof more than $4,600,000; Philadelphia, including the Delaware River to the sea, $4,445,000; Baltimore harbor and channels, $371,300; Norfolk harbor and Hampton Roads channels, $912,000; the St. John's River from Jacksonville to the sea, $450,000; the Savannah River, $782,000; Miami harbor, $200,000; Mobile harbor, $335,000; the Sabine-Neches waterway in Texas, $975,000; Galveston harbor and channels, including Texas City channel $700,600; Houston ship channel, $568,700; Los Angeles harbor, $245,600.

For the Mississippi River system, which calls for $20,033,000, it is estimated $2,500,000 will be required between the Ohio and Missouri Rivers and $4,000,000 between the Missouri River and Minneapolis; for the Missouri River, $5,000,000 between Kansas City and the mouth and $1,000,000 between Kansas City and Sioux City. The Tennessee River will require $310,000; the Ohio River, 01,890,000; the Monongahela River, $500,000; the Allegheny River, $1,303,000; the Illinois River, $700,000, and the St. Mary's River in Michigan, $2,125,000.

On the Great Lakes, Milwaukee harbor will require $630,000; Sandusky harbor $280,000, and Buffalo harbor $108,000.

For internal waterways, the inland waterway from Delaware Bay to Chesapeake Bay will require $1,000,000 and that between Beaufort and the Cape Fear River in North Carolina, $1,000,000.

The estimates of the amounts that can be profitably expended on the various projects during the fiscal year of 1930, beginning July 1, 1929, and the amount remaining unexpended on each project on July 1, 1928, for the fiscal year of 1929, include:

MISSOURI RIVER—Kansas City to the mouth, $5,000,000 and $4,263,152; Kansas City to Sioux City, $1,000,000 and $507,950; Sioux City to Frot Benton, $50,000 and $31,812.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER—Between Ohio and Missouri Rivers, $2,500,000 and $3,765,147; between Missouri River and Minneapolis, $4,000,000 and $4,322,273.

Southwest Pass, Mississippi River, Louisiana, $375,000 and $33,686. Totals:

Sea coast harbors and channels, $20,418,260 and $33,683,367; Mississippi River system, $20,033,000 and $27,784,637; lake harbors and channels, $4,897,500 and $5,364,755; internal waterways, $3,491,500 and $3,977 756; specified surveys, $1,500,000 and $1,937,600; examinations, surveys and contingencies of rivers and harbors, $250,000; departmental service, allotment roll, $191,620 and $183,315; total, $50,781,880 and $73,181,490.

Now they have another dam proposal coming up even for the Lame Ducks to squabble about. This one is to be called the Swing Johnson Boulder Dam, and is to be built on the Colorado River to impound water for irrigation, power and flood control purpses. Looks like even the life of a Congressman is just one dam thing after another.

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The stock market has been zooming to constantly new high peaks here lately. Playing the market has lured many a wealthy man to financial disaster, and it has made rich men out of a few who had vision and sense enough to know the game and to know when they had enough. But the average person with a sockful of life-time savings has no business speculating in the open market. Sooner or later the crash will come and then "there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth", when hopeful bears will find dross where they expected gold. The present high peaks are unwarranted. To be substantial stock earnings must be based upon production returns and not upon faith in the future of American prosperity alone. When the crash will come, no one knows, but when it does come, a lot of suckers will blow up with the bubble.

Kingshighway Station

Under New Management

I have Leased this Station from
SIMPSON OIL COMPANY

Boys, Give Me a Break!

No Sell ——— No Eat

I'll Give You Service

Through arrangement with the Acceptance Company, I can sell you tires on credit and give you a chance to pay for them on 8 or 10 easy payments plan—

One-Third Down

Come In and Investigate

It's your fault if you need tires and don't get them

Don't Forget—

Leslie Williams

Kingshighway Station

Tire Service

Mobiloils-Quaker State, Prestone Alcohol

Take Your Choice of Tires
Kelly—Fisk—Goodrich
General



Hardware Articles for Gift Giving

It is surprising to many people to know how many practical and acceptable gifts they can find in a hardware store. To aid early shoppers we have arranged our gift items in convenient displays. Take the time soon to come and see them. We know you will find many definite gift ideas reasonably priced.

A Big Line of **Toys**

Sikes Hardware Co.

Quality Service Price

We Give Eagle Stamps

DECLINES POST SEASON GAME WITH BLUE JAYS

In view of the fact that the local School Board is opposed to post-season fotball games, and for the further reason that all footh ment has been turned in, Supt. Roy V Ellise did not accept an offer from Charleston high school to play another game htis season.

The Sikeston Standard, $1.50.

Treasure House

213 Eighth St.
Cairo, Ill.

A few Helpful Hints for the gift seekers taken at random from the large assortment in Cairo's newest Gift Haven.

Lamps

May be large gifts or small ones—no matter the kind, they will ever please



Miss Shades are new and pleasing diversions in the line.

Clocks

Constantly ticking good thoughts of the giver. The banjo clock shown here in colors is a splendid



time keeper and the small enamel dresser clocks make dainty useful gifts.

Have you seen the beautiful lot of satin, kapok filled pillows for your living room? If not do so now.

Psst!

Men! Are you looking and looking and just can't decide what that gift



for "her" will be? If that's true just step into Treasure House and your worries will depart.

Vantines

Powders, Perfumes in gorgeously decorated gift boxes. Many other compacts too for the smaller gift.

China and Glass

Matchings for some set or an odd piece here and there of china and glassware makes truly attractive



gifts for the woman at home You'll be surprised at the variety and amazed at the low prices.

Make-Up Boxes
Clothes Hampers
Clothes Boxes and
Hat Boxes
Trinket Boxes
and others
comprise the splendid line of paper boxes.

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